

TEXAS

Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

The Statewide unemployment rate rose a full percentage point between August and September, to 8.6 percent. Unemployment increased by 82,000 over the month to total 662,700 at mid-September. Much of the increase in unemployment was attributed to a rise in the number of re-entrants, who may have been encouraged to reenter the labor market by the sizeable drop in unemployment between July and August. Total employment declined by 16,900 over the month, totaling 7,061,600 in September. A large portion of this decrease was due to the seasonal release of summer workers, most of whom returned to school.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (In Thousands)			
	Sep. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,197.0	113,578.0	110,546.0
Unemployment	9,830.0	10,411.0	10,695.0
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.2	9.7
Total Employment	102,367.0	103,167.0	99,851.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,368.0	112,262.0	110,858.0
Unemployment	10,423.0	10,699.0	11,315.0
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.5	10.2
Total Employment	101,945.0	101,563.0	99,543.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,724.3	7,659.2	7,353.0
Unemployment	662.7	580.7	590.8
Percent Unemployed	8.6	7.6	8.0
Total Employment	7,061.6	7,078.5	6,762.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,726.0	7,636.0	7,346.0
Unemployment	659.0	555.0	585.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	7.3	8.0
Total Employment	7,067.0	7,081.0	6,761.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas increased from 7.3 percent in August to 8.5 percent in September -- the highest it had been since April 1983. The U. S. actual unemployment rate declined from 9.2 percent in August to 8.8 percent in September. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation also dropped slightly, from 9.5 percent in August to 9.3 percent in September.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ADVANCES

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment climbed considerably over the month, but a large portion of the increase was due to the return of communication workers to their jobs following the settlement of a labor-management dispute in August. Excluding these workers, the number of salaried jobs actually rose by about 15,000 between August and September. This increase was, however, the largest seen in this category so far this year.

In the nonmanufacturing sector, government recorded the largest gains, with over 10,000 additional jobs in September. Almost all of the increase was education-related as both state and local schools and universities were being staffed for the fall semester.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT^{1/}
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,500	59,900	59,800	79,700	77,700	76,800	272,300	262,300	267,900
Manufacturing	6,000	6,100	6,500	11,000	11,000	10,300	33,600	33,400	33,500
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,300	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,500	15,300	15,200	14,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,100	3,300	6,600	5,900	6,500	7,800	5,700	8,000
Trade	15,800	15,900	15,300	24,400	24,300	23,400	62,300	62,000	60,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,200	4,000	17,300	17,300	17,400
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,800	13,700	14,900	14,900	14,500	54,000	53,800	53,700
Government	9,800	9,100	9,400	13,300	12,200	12,300	81,200	74,100	80,400
BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE									
TOTAL	144,400	142,100	148,200	59,100	58,200	60,000	44,300	41,500	44,100
Manufacturing	33,700	33,900	36,700	8,600	8,800	9,200	3,200	3,300	3,200
Mining	2,300	2,200	2,400	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,600
Construction	9,800	9,900	11,300	3,300	3,200	4,000	2,800	2,600	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,700	11,700	10,200	3,500	3,200	3,500	2,000	2,100	1,800
Trade	34,100	34,100	33,700	17,500	17,600	17,700	9,200	9,000	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,500	26,100	10,700	10,600	10,500	6,000	5,800	6,000
Government	19,800	18,100	20,400	12,200	11,700	12,000	17,700	15,300	17,500
BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO									
TOTAL	134,000	133,400	135,200	1,591.7	1,565.0	1,548.6	164,500	164,900	165,300
Manufacturing	15,100	15,100	15,400	311.8	311.3	310.3	38,200	38,500	37,300
Mining	8,900	9,000	9,300	32.7	33.2	33.3	--	--	--
Construction	12,100	12,100	12,600	86.5	87.5	86.5	7,800	7,900	8,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	6,300	7,800	98.8	88.8	97.5	10,400	9,800	10,700
Trade	32,600	33,300	32,700	430.5	429.1	418.3	39,600	40,000	41,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,500	6,400	122.4	122.2	118.0	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,500	24,300	24,500	323.6	320.7	302.9	27,400	27,500	27,200
Government	27,000	26,800	26,300	185.4	172.2	181.8	33,300	33,400	33,000
BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION									
TOTAL	68,500	66,700	69,400	1,544.4	1,527.5	1,583.8	62,400	62,000	60,000
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	11,600	223.7	223.9	250.3	8,700	8,800	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	105.2	105.1	--	--	--
Construction	5,100	4,800	4,400	135.4	136.4	143.5	3,700	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,200	6,500	108.5	98.3	109.8	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	13,100	13,400	13,000	366.7	365.7	377.4	13,900	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	102.5	103.3	100.6	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	326.9	325.5	323.5	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	17,500	16,200	18,200	176.4	169.2	173.6	19,200	18,900	18,900
CORPUS CHRISTI									
TOTAL	134,000	133,400	135,200	1,591.7	1,565.0	1,548.6	164,500	164,900	165,300
Manufacturing	15,100	15,100	15,400	311.8	311.3	310.3	38,200	38,500	37,300
Mining	8,900	9,000	9,300	32.7	33.2	33.3	--	--	--
Construction	12,100	12,100	12,600	86.5	87.5	86.5	7,800	7,900	8,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	6,300	7,800	98.8	88.8	97.5	10,400	9,800	10,700
Trade	32,600	33,300	32,700	430.5	429.1	418.3	39,600	40,000	41,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,500	6,400	122.4	122.2	118.0	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,500	24,300	24,500	323.6	320.7	302.9	27,400	27,500	27,200
Government	27,000	26,800	26,300	185.4	172.2	181.8	33,300	33,400	33,000
DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
TOTAL	68,500	66,700	69,400	1,544.4	1,527.5	1,583.8	62,400	62,000	60,000
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	11,600	223.7	223.9	250.3	8,700	8,800	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	105.2	105.1	--	--	--
Construction	5,100	4,800	4,400	135.4	136.4	143.5	3,700	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,200	6,500	108.5	98.3	109.8	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	13,100	13,400	13,000	366.7	365.7	377.4	13,900	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	102.5	103.3	100.6	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	326.9	325.5	323.5	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	17,500	16,200	18,200	176.4	169.2	173.6	19,200	18,900	18,900
EL PASO									
TOTAL	68,500	66,700	69,400	1,544.4	1,527.5	1,583.8	62,400	62,000	60,000
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	11,600	223.7	223.9	250.3	8,700	8,800	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	105.2	105.1	--	--	--
Construction	5,100	4,800	4,400	135.4	136.4	143.5	3,700	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,200	6,500	108.5	98.3	109.8	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	13,100	13,400	13,000	366.7	365.7	377.4	13,900	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	102.5	103.3	100.6	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	326.9	325.5	323.5	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	17,500	16,200	18,200	176.4	169.2	173.6	19,200	18,900	18,900
GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY									
TOTAL	68,500	66,700	69,400	1,544.4	1,527.5	1,583.8	62,400	62,000	60,000
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	11,600	223.7	223.9	250.3	8,700	8,800	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	105.2	105.1	--	--	--
Construction	5,100	4,800	4,400	135.4	136.4	143.5	3,700	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,200	6,500	108.5	98.3	109.8	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	13,100	13,400	13,000	366.7	365.7	377.4	13,900	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	102.5	103.3	100.6	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	326.9	325.5	323.5	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	17,500	16,200	18,200	176.4	169.2	173.6	19,200	18,900	18,900
HOUSTON³									
TOTAL	68,500	66,700	69,400	1,544.4	1,527.5	1,583.8	62,400	62,000	60,000
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	11,600	223.7	223.9	250.3	8,700	8,800	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	105.2	105.1	--	--	--
Construction	5,100	4,800	4,400	135.4	136.4	143.5	3,700	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,200	6,500	108.5	98.3	109.8	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	13,100	13,400	13,000	366.7	365.7	377.4	13,900	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	102.5	103.3	100.6	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	326.9	325.5	323.5	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	17,500	16,200	18,200	176.4	169.2	173.6	19,200	18,900	18,900
KILLEEN-TEMPLE									
TOTAL	68,500	66,700	69,400	1,544.4	1,527.5	1,583.8	62,400	62,000	60,000
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	11,600	223.7	223.9	250.3	8,700	8,800	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	105.2	105.1	--	--	--
Construction	5,100	4,800	4,400	135.4	136.4	143.5	3,700	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,200	6,500	108.5	98.3	109.8	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	13,100	13,400	13,000	366.7	365.7	377.4	13,900	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	102.5	103.3	100.6	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	326.9	325.5	323.5	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	17,500	16,200	18,200	176.4	169.2	173.6	19,200	18,900	18,900

³In thousands.

The educational services segment pushed the services group up considerably over the month, as positions were added for the beginning of the school term. Employment in services was also boosted by several community action employers who hired help for new contracts. These gains were partially offset by declines in amusement, including motion pictures, where employment contracted as summer help was released, and in the civic, social, and fraternal organizations portion of other services and miscellaneous, where summer activities were winding down.

The majority of the 41,100 increase over the month in transportation, communication, and utilities was due to the returning communication workers who had been involved in a labor-management dispute. Transportation, except railroads, showed expansion as activity in motor freight transportation and warehousing and in water transportation increased.

Offsetting gains and losses in wholesale and retail trade segments left only a minimal increase in the trade sector as a whole. Food stores showed the largest upswing, and the eating and drinking places sector also had a sizeable gain over the

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Industry	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	28,800	29,000	32,300	68,500	67,100	68,900	90,000	86,900	89,500
Manufacturing	1,600	1,700	1,800	16,200	16,100	16,800	10,700	10,600	11,500
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,500	4,500	4,600	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,800	4,500	4,500	4,800	4,000	4,300	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,200	3,400	3,900	3,500	3,800	4,800	4,000	4,700
Trade	9,300	9,400	10,700	17,300	17,200	17,100	26,200	26,000	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,000
Services & Misc.	4,600	4,700	5,100	11,300	11,200	11,500	17,600	16,900	16,900
Government	6,200	6,200	6,700	7,900	7,200	7,500	20,800	19,200	20,500
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	75,500	73,700	76,100	53,500	51,500	52,300	56,300	55,000	59,700
Manufacturing	9,000	8,900	8,300	4,100	4,000	4,100	6,100	6,100	7,500
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	12,700	12,700	13,800	8,300	8,000	8,000
Construction	5,800	5,800	5,700	4,200	4,100	4,500	5,100	5,200	6,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,300	2,800	3,200	2,600	3,100	2,800	2,400	3,200
Trade	22,500	22,300	24,500	11,700	11,600	11,000	15,300	15,100	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,600	3,600	3,200	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,000	9,800	9,800	9,100	8,800	8,000	8,700	8,600	8,500
Government	20,800	19,800	20,400	4,900	4,100	4,600	7,600	7,200	6,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,600	35,500	36,500	436,900	428,900	420,300	33,600	33,700	34,600
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	6,000	49,900	49,700	49,300	11,100	11,200	11,400
Mining	700	700	800	3,400	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,200	29,100	29,500	27,600	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	19,100	15,300	18,200	2,300	2,200	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,900	8,700	114,500	114,500	108,800	7,000	7,100	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	29,800	30,000	29,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,400	7,200	94,500	94,100	90,200	5,700	5,700	5,900
Government	6,300	5,900	6,300	96,600	92,300	93,900	4,700	4,700	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,600	45,500	4,900	56,500	55,700	55,200	73,200	71,300	70,100
Manufacturing	8,500	8,300	8,400	10,900	10,800	10,800	15,200	15,100	14,100
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,300	--	--	--
Construction	2,600	2,500	1,900	2,500	2,600	2,500	3,800	4,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,500	2,700	3,300	2,900	3,400
Trade	11,200	11,200	10,700	15,000	15,000	14,300	17,800	17,600	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,600	4,600	4,400
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,400	7,400	11,100	11,200	11,200	16,600	15,700	16,000
Government	12,900	12,200	12,500	7,900	7,300	7,400	11,900	11,400	11,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,800	53,000	53,400						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,100	9,100						
Mining	3,200	3,300	3,500						
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	2,900	3,200						
Trade	13,500	13,500	13,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	8,900						
Government	10,900	10,200	10,800						

^{1/} Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
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month. Losses in automotive dealers and service stations and in apparel and accessory stores nullified most of these gains for a net growth of only 300 in trade in September.

Construction suffered a setback in employment, as the release of summer workers throughout the industry and the completion of some large jobs in the general building sector combined to cut back on jobs. Mining also declined, with all of the losses confined to the oil and gas extraction portion. While some of this decrease was also due to the release of summer workers, the major factor was the continued low demand for domestically produced oil and gas. Decreased business in the banking sector and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers was responsible for the decline in finance, insurance, and real estate in September.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[†]

INDUSTRY			Change From		Change From
	Sep. 1983*	Aug. 1983**	Sep. 1982**	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,168,400	6,112,900	6,233,400	55,500	- 65,000
Manufacturing	1,004,500	998,800	1,028,300	5,700	- 23,800
Durable Goods	582,000	578,000	602,400	4,000	- 20,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,600	40,300	37,900	300	2,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	8,000	8,000	7,700	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,200	14,900	200	1,500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,300	49,100	44,700	200	4,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,600	23,300	21,200	300	2,400
Primary Metal Industries	39,200	38,900	39,600	300	- 400
Fabricated Metal Industries	85,500	85,100	93,100	400	- 7,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,000	44,900	48,100	100	- 3,100
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,000	138,600	158,100	400	- 19,100
Oil Field Machinery	44,000	44,200	58,800	- 200	- 14,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	99,000	97,100	99,600	1,900	- 600
Transportation Equipment	76,800	76,500	76,100	300	700
Aircraft & Parts	39,000	39,000	38,900	0	100
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	23,000	25,300	- 100	- 2,400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,300	13,200	13,100	100	200
Nondurable Goods	422,500	420,800	425,900	1,700	- 3,400
Food & Kindred Products	96,900	95,700	98,900	1,200	- 2,000
Meat Products	26,800	27,000	26,400	- 200	400
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Bakery Products	11,300	11,200	11,400	100	- 100
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	- 100
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,300	5,500	100	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,600	66,500	65,400	100	1,200
Paper & Allied Products	21,700	21,800	22,200	- 100	- 500
Printing & Publishing	68,000	68,000	67,200	0	800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,100	35,200	34,400	- 100	700
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,800	79,800	81,900	0	- 2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,600	43,500	45,100	100	- 1,500
Petroleum Refining	40,900	40,800	42,300	100	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,100	9,500	0	- 400
Other Nondurable Goods	31,400	31,100	30,200	300	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,163,900	5,114,100	5,205,100	49,800	- 41,200
Mining	287,400	288,700	303,800	- 1,300	- 16,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	278,100	279,400	293,800	- 1,300	- 15,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. MnrIs., Exc. Fuel	9,300	9,300	10,000	0	- 700
Construction	392,700	394,600	425,000	- 1,900	- 32,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,500	341,400	381,900	41,100	600
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,200	26,300	0	- 1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,800	182,800	181,000	2,000	3,800
Transportation by Air	36,500	37,100	36,200	- 600	300
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	92,700	52,700	95,300	40,000	- 2,600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	80,700	79,300	- 900	500
Electric Services	44,900	45,400	43,600	- 500	1,300
Gas Production & Distribution	29,600	29,900	30,600	- 300	- 1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,539,700	1,539,400	1,542,600	300	- 2,900
Wholesale Trade	428,100	428,300	442,200	- 200	- 14,100
Retail Trade	1,111,600	1,111,100	1,100,400	500	11,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,800	49,700	46,300	100	3,500
General Merchandise Stores	145,500	145,200	146,400	300	- 900
Food Stores	198,400	197,000	195,000	1,400	3,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,000	133,100	126,700	- 1,100	- 4,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,500	80,800	80,700	- 1,300	- 1,200
Other Retail Trade	516,400	515,300	505,300	1,100	11,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	374,300	375,300	366,300	- 1,000	8,000
Banking	100,600	101,300	100,100	- 700	500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,100	120,600	119,600	- 500	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	153,600	153,400	146,600	200	7,000
Services	1,169,800	1,167,600	1,166,900	2,200	2,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	68,000	67,400	68,900	600	- 900
Personal Services	74,000	74,200	73,300	- 200	700
Business & Repair Services	313,500	313,200	314,500	300	- 1,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	44,300	46,500	46,900	- 2,200	- 2,600
Health Services	331,700	331,300	326,100	400	5,600
Educational Services	57,000	52,200	57,800	4,800	- 800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	281,300	282,800	279,400	- 1,500	1,900
Total Government	1,017,500	1,007,100	1,018,600	10,400	- 1,100
Total Federal Government	178,600	178,300	171,600	300	7,000
Total State Government	229,400	226,700	228,200	2,700	1,200
Total Local Government	609,500	602,100	618,800	7,400	- 9,300

[†] Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. [‡] Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**	Sep. '83*	Aug. '83**	Sep. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,200	75,800	100,600	99,400	92,600	310,800	303,400	293,800
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,300	4,400	5,600	4,900	4,800	13,800	11,600	13,800
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.6	4.9	5.2	4.4	3.8	4.7
Total Employment 2/	75,700	75,900	71,400	95,000	94,500	87,800	297,000	291,800	280,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	185,800	182,300	180,900	89,100	87,500	84,400	52,900	50,100	50,800
Total Unemployment	28,000	24,300	23,600	15,500	13,100	13,000	2,200	1,800	2,300
Percent Unemployed	15.1	13.3	13.0	17.4	15.0	15.4	4.2	3.6	4.5
Total Employment 2/	157,800	158,000	157,300	73,600	74,400	71,400	50,700	48,300	48,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,600	175,700	162,500	1,802.0	1,792.6	1,701.1	197,700	196,100	190,200
Total Unemployment	21,800	19,300	13,400	100.5	87.6	108.2	24,900	21,100	24,000
Percent Unemployed	12.4	11.0	8.2	5.6	4.9	6.4	12.6	10.8	12.6
Total Employment 2/	153,800	156,400	149,100	1,701.5	1,705.0	1,592.9	172,800	175,000	166,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,800	90,800	89,500	1,812.1	1,802.5	1,748.1	74,400	74,400	69,100
Total Unemployment	12,300	10,900	10,900	181.8	162.3	141.8	4,700	3,800	4,400
Percent Unemployed	13.3	12.0	12.2	10.0	9.0	8.1	6.3	5.1	6.4
Total Employment 2/	80,500	79,900	78,600	1,630.3	1,640.2	1,606.3	69,700	70,600	64,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,500	39,800	40,400	82,100	81,200	79,300	111,300	109,300	105,300
Total Unemployment	10,700	9,500	8,500	10,200	8,900	9,500	7,500	6,800	6,100
Percent Unemployed	26.4	23.9	21.0	12.4	11.0	12.0	6.7	6.2	5.8
Total Employment 2/	29,800	30,300	31,900	71,900	72,300	69,800	103,800	102,500	99,200
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	118,100	111,700	106,700	68,100	67,000	63,100	74,800	73,800	74,000
Total Unemployment	29,700	23,700	21,200	4,400	3,800	3,100	7,200	6,500	5,100
Percent Unemployed	25.1	21.2	19.9	6.5	5.7	4.9	9.6	8.8	6.9
Total Employment 2/	88,400	88,000	85,500	63,700	63,200	60,000	67,600	67,300	68,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,700	47,700	47,400	502,200	498,600	467,200	39,700	39,800	39,500
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,400	3,200	33,200	28,500	32,700	3,100	2,700	3,400
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	6.8	6.6	5.7	7.0	7.8	6.8	8.6
Total Employment 2/	45,100	45,300	44,200	469,000	470,100	434,500	36,600	37,100	36,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,200	51,700	50,700	75,700	74,500	71,400	41,600	41,300	40,200
Total Unemployment	5,200	4,600	5,400	5,100	4,500	5,500	4,300	3,900	4,100
Percent Unemployed	10.0	8.9	10.7	6.7	6.0	7.7	10.3	9.4	10.2
Total Employment 2/	47,000	47,100	45,300	70,600	70,000	65,900	37,300	37,400	36,100
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	87,600	86,600	83,300	68,300	67,700	65,800	7,724.3	7,659.2	7,353.0
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,300	5,400	4,500	3,900	4,600	662.7	580.7	590.8
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	6.5	6.6	5.8	7.0	8.6	7.6	8.0
Total Employment 2/	82,800	82,300	77,900	63,800	63,800	61,200	7,061.6	7,078.5	6,762.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3 In thousands.

* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. ‡ 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982	Sep. ‡ 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982	Sep. ‡ 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$369.22	\$363.12	\$345.79	41.3	40.8	39.7	\$ 8.94	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.71
Durable Goods	363.19	357.54	342.70	40.9	40.4	39.3	8.88	8.85	8.72
Lumber & Wood Products	246.63	245.00	225.23	38.9	39.2	38.5	6.34	6.25	5.85
Furniture & Fixtures	241.13	245.86	251.54	40.8	41.6	40.9	5.91	5.91	6.15
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	360.30	349.80	325.73	44.1	43.4	41.6	8.17	8.06	7.83
Primary Metal Industries	406.21	398.04	396.52	39.4	38.2	37.8	10.31	10.42	10.49
Fabricated Metal Products	360.93	356.17	344.45	40.6	40.2	38.4	8.89	8.86	8.97
Machinery, Exc. Electric	351.88	344.52	344.27	40.4	39.6	38.9	8.71	8.70	8.85
Oil Field Machinery	402.04	394.88	401.02	39.3	38.6	37.2	10.23	10.23	10.78
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	376.62	371.37	353.10	41.8	40.9	40.4	9.01	9.08	8.74
Transportation Equipment	486.86	479.70	435.31	41.4	41.0	39.9	11.76	11.70	10.91
Aircraft & Parts	503.27	503.22	461.61	41.8	41.9	41.4	12.04	12.01	11.15
Instr. & Related Products	315.93	304.15	283.10	39.1	38.5	38.0	8.08	7.90	7.45
Misc. Mfg. Industries	299.43	309.12	271.62	41.3	42.0	40.3	7.25	7.36	6.74
Nondurable Goods	378.36	371.36	351.48	41.9	41.4	40.4	9.03	8.97	8.70
Food & Kindred Products	333.10	318.52	311.18	43.6	41.8	43.1	7.64	7.62	7.22
Meat Products	305.77	275.26	295.58	44.9	40.9	42.9	6.81	6.73	6.89
Malt Beverages	602.76	649.55	581.15	41.2	43.8	41.1	14.63	14.83	14.14
Textile Mill Products	252.77	263.41	238.11	41.1	42.9	41.7	6.15	6.14	5.71
Appl. & Other Text. Prods.	188.48	187.11	168.62	38.0	38.5	35.8	4.96	4.86	4.71
Paper & Allied Products	424.46	415.48	384.22	45.3	44.2	41.9	9.37	9.40	9.17
Printing & Publishing	341.47	343.10	299.03	40.7	40.7	37.1	8.39	8.43	8.06
Chemicals & Allied Products	570.54	578.66	572.47	42.2	42.8	43.6	13.52	13.52	13.13
Petroleum & Coal Products	625.83	584.05	570.67	43.4	42.2	43.2	14.42	13.84	13.21
Petroleum Refining	651.00	606.84	591.76	43.4	42.2	43.1	15.00	14.38	13.73
Leather & Leather Products	246.86	213.33	165.83	44.4	40.1	33.3	5.56	5.32	4.98
Other Nondurable Goods	368.51	371.92	306.13	42.8	42.7	39.5	8.61	8.71	7.75
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.62	471.80	477.14	45.3	44.3	46.1	10.72	10.65	10.35
Oil & Gas Extraction	489.87	475.34	479.44	45.4	44.3	46.1	10.79	10.73	10.40
Met/Coal/Nonmet Minr., Exc Fuel	373.49	371.36	404.71	44.2	44.0	46.2	8.45	8.44	8.76
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	411.46	367.68	391.84	40.3	38.5	39.5	10.21	9.55	9.92
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	426.59	417.13	400.48	41.7	41.3	41.5	10.23	10.10	9.65
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.24	235.94	226.79	34.3	34.8	33.9	6.80	6.78	6.69
Wholesale Trade	356.61	357.11	337.33	39.8	39.9	39.5	8.96	8.95	8.54
Retail Trade	186.12	188.93	182.91	32.2	32.8	31.7	5.78	5.76	5.77
General Mdse. Stores	169.29	168.06	156.06	29.7	30.5	29.5	5.70	5.51	5.29
Banking	240.15	240.79	225.75	37.7	37.8	37.5	6.37	6.37	6.02

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$367.09	\$362.37	\$332.59	41.2	40.9	39.5	\$ 8.91	\$ 8.86	\$ 8.42
Durable Goods	387.39	379.14	350.37	41.3	40.9	39.5	9.38	9.27	8.87
Nondurable Goods	320.66	323.95	293.14	40.9	40.8	39.4	7.84	7.94	7.44
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	456.03	438.04	425.08	42.5	40.9	40.6	10.73	10.71	10.47
Durable Goods	404.62	390.74	386.51	41.8	40.2	39.4	9.68	9.72	9.81
Nondurable Goods	537.59	512.82	494.77	43.6	42.0	42.8	12.33	12.21	11.56
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	280.57	275.67	250.49	41.2	40.9	39.2	6.81	6.74	6.39
Durable Goods	309.59	301.67	273.64	41.5	41.1	40.3	7.46	7.34	6.79
Nondurable Goods	251.94	250.51	227.84	40.9	40.8	38.1	6.16	6.14	5.98

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ‡Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Manufacturing registered a number of small gains and a few sizeable ones, to record its largest over-the-month increase since June. Within the durable goods sector, the settlement of a labor-management dispute in the electric and electronic equipment segment brought employment up substantially. Fabricated metal products, one of the hardest hit industries during the past year, recorded a moderate rise in employment in September. Smaller increases were registered in lumber and wood products and in stone, clay and glass products due to increased demand. Employers in primary metal products also added jobs as consumer demand increased. Nonelectrical machinery managed a small gain, despite continued losses in the oil field machinery segment. The only major industry group in durable goods which recorded a downturn over the month was instruments and related products.

Nondurable goods industries, for the most part, showed moderate gains. The largest advance in this sector was in food and kindred products, due in part to an increase in the canning of fruits and vegetables. Other nondurable goods recorded a rise in jobs as business increased and workers returned to jobs following a layoff. Smaller increases were noted in textile mill products, petroleum and coal products, and in apparel and other finished textile products. Paper and allied products was the only major nondurable sector which recorded a decline over the month. The total number of production workers rose by 4,800 in September, to 714,300, compared to 709,500 in August. In September 1982, there were 739,400 production workers in Texas.

Total agricultural employment totaled 179,860 in September 1983, compared to 181,995 in September 1982. The drought in West Texas and the Payment in Kind Program continued to reduce the need for agricultural workers.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS CLIMB

The average production worker in manufacturing in September 1983 worked 41.3 hours at \$8.94 per hour, earning an average weekly wage of \$369.22. Average hours worked were up .5 hour from August, and were 1.6 hours above the average for September 1982. Average hourly earnings increased 4¢ over the month and 23¢ over the year. Average weekly earnings were up \$6.10 from August and rose \$23.43 from September 1982. These increases were almost evenly split between durable goods workers and nondurable goods workers. Hours worked in durable goods rose by half an hour and hourly earnings rose 3¢; while hours in nondurable goods also increased .5 hour and average hourly earnings were up 6¢.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1983	Sep. 1982
Total Population	15,928,200	15,372,600
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3	2.4
UI Covered Employers	293,445	282,317
Total Claims Actions	555,785	717,050
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,953	90,115
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	491,832	626,935
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$134.17	\$125.83
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$69,235,678	\$73,631,243
Total Placements	41,976	37,928

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS

The actual unemployment rate for Texas dropped from September's 8.6 percent to 6.9 percent in October -- its lowest point since May 1982. The number of jobless Texans decreased by 130,500 over the month, totaling 532,200 in mid-October. At the same time, total employment in the actual series rose by 72,200 in October to total 7,133,800. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State was also down substantially in October, to 7.4 percent. Nationally, both the actual and the seasonally adjusted rates were down over the month, with the actual rate falling from 8.8 percent in September to 8.4 percent in October and the seasonally adjusted rate declining from 9.3 percent to 8.8 percent in October.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,042.0	112,197.0	110,767.0
Unemployment	9,383.0	9,830.0	10,942.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.8	9.9
Total Employment	102,659.0	102,367.0	99,825.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,815.0	112,368.0	110,752.0
Unemployment	9,886.0	10,423.0	11,576.0
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.3	10.5
Total Employment	101,929.0	101,945.0	99,176.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,666.0	7,724.3	7,362.9
Unemployment	532.2	662.7	558.1
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.6	7.6
Total Employment	7,133.8	7,061.6	6,804.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,669.0	7,726.0	7,361.0
Unemployment	571.0	659.0	592.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	8.5	8.0
Total Employment	7,098.0	7,067.0	6,769.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

The number of salaried nonfarm jobs in Texas continued to expand, as most major sectors reported payroll additions in October 1983. Although levels were still below those of a year earlier in many industries, the 15,200 additional jobs recorded in October served to reinforce the slow economic recovery of the past few months. There were a total of 6,208,600 salaried jobs in the State in October.

The largest over-the-month expansion occurred in government, with over 9,000 more jobs in October. All of the gains were in the state and local sectors, and the majority of the growth was due to the completion of staffing for the fall semester. The educational sector also pushed employment up in services, despite losses in business and repair services, health services, and in amusement, including motion pictures.

Another nonmanufacturing group which showed substantial growth in October was wholesale and retail trade. General merchandise stores showed a considerable increase and the other retail trade sector, which includes furniture, home furnishings, and equipment stores, also generated a large portion of the increase. The wholesale trade sector registered only nominal growth over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82*	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82**	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,900	60,800	59,900	79,800	79,700	78,300	274,200	272,800	268,700
Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	6,600	11,100	11,000	10,200	34,000	33,600	33,400
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	1,900	2,000	2,300	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,300	15,400	15,300	14,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,600	6,600	6,500	7,800	7,800	7,800
Trade	15,800	15,800	15,400	24,200	24,400	24,500	62,700	62,600	59,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,300	4,100	17,400	17,300	17,600
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,600	14,900	14,900	14,600	54,300	54,200	53,600
Government	9,700	9,700	9,400	13,600	13,300	12,800	81,800	81,200	81,700
	BEAUMONT-PT. A. -ORANGE			BROWNS. -HARL. -SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,000	144,300	147,800	59,100	59,400	58,100	44,900	44,300	43,900
Manufacturing	33,700	33,900	35,700	8,800	8,700	9,000	3,100	3,200	3,100
Mining	2,300	2,200	2,400	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	9,900	9,800	11,300	3,400	3,300	3,700	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,400	12,700	12,300	3,400	3,500	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	34,000	33,900	33,700	17,500	17,700	16,700	9,200	9,200	9,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,700	26,400	26,100	10,600	10,700	10,100	6,000	6,000	5,900
Government	20,300	19,700	20,500	12,400	12,400	12,100	18,300	17,600	17,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,200	134,000	134,800	1,596.6	1,591.8	1,549.5	165,300	165,700	165,200
Manufacturing	15,000	15,100	15,300	311.6	311.5	309.2	38,400	39,100	37,200
Mining	8,800	8,900	9,200	32.0	32.6	32.9	--	--	--
Construction	12,000	12,200	12,500	87.4	87.3	85.4	8,000	8,000	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	7,800	98.7	98.9	97.6	10,500	10,400	10,600
Trade	32,300	32,600	32,500	433.0	431.1	420.3	40,000	39,700	40,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,600	6,400	122.7	122.2	117.4	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,200	24,300	24,600	323.8	322.5	304.5	27,100	27,200	27,500
Government	27,000	26,900	26,500	187.4	185.7	182.2	33,500	33,500	33,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	69,700	68,900	69,000	1,548.9	1,546.3	1,576.9	62,600	62,600	60,400
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	11,500	223.9	224.2	243.5	8,600	8,700	8,000
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	103.9	103.0	--	--	--
Construction	5,200	5,100	4,400	135.5	136.4	144.3	3,600	3,700	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,500	6,400	106.3	108.7	109.3	3,300	3,200	3,100
Trade	13,000	13,100	13,000	367.4	366.0	377.7	13,900	14,000	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,500	102.2	102.6	100.2	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,200	10,300	10,400	330.4	328.2	321.6	11,500	11,400	11,300
Government	19,100	18,200	18,000	178.9	176.3	177.3	19,400	19,300	19,000

2/ In Thousands

Employment growth in mining strengthened in October, showing the largest number of new jobs since June 1983. Small increases scattered among most of the sectors of transportation and public utilities created a sizeable gain for the industry as a whole. The largest portion of the increase was in transportation except railroads, where motor freight transportation and warehousing contributed most of the growth. Offsetting small gains and losses in banking and in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector produced a minimal upward shift in the finance, insurance and real estate group.

The only large setback experienced over the month occurred in construction, where 3,400 jobs were lost. Most of the decrease was attributed to a decrease in the number of construction starts, due in part to the tight economy.

The manufacturing sector continued to expand, with 3,400 job additions in October. While this segment still had almost 5,000 fewer jobs than a year earlier, the acceleration shown during the past few months is encouraging. What is even more

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82*	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82**	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83*	Oct. '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,000	29,500	31,100	67,900	68,400	68,000	90,200	90,300	90,000
Manufacturing	1,700	1,600	1,700	15,900	16,100	16,600	10,500	10,700	11,400
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,500	4,500	4,600	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,600	4,400	4,400	4,700	4,200	4,200	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,800	3,900	3,700	4,800	4,700	4,800
Trade	9,400	9,300	10,100	17,100	17,300	17,000	26,600	26,300	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,000
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,800	4,900	11,400	11,400	11,000	17,400	17,600	16,900
Government	6,900	6,700	6,800	7,900	7,900	7,600	20,800	20,900	20,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,500	75,800	77,200	54,600	53,500	52,100	56,500	56,400	57,900
Manufacturing	9,100	9,000	8,300	4,300	4,100	4,200	6,000	6,100	7,400
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	13,100	12,700	13,600	8,200	8,200	7,900
Construction	5,900	5,900	5,900	4,200	4,200	4,500	5,200	5,100	6,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,000	2,900	2,800	3,100
Trade	23,800	22,500	25,000	11,800	11,700	10,900	15,400	15,300	15,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,600	3,600	3,300	2,300	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,800	9,400	9,100	8,000	8,900	8,800	8,400
Government	21,300	21,000	20,800	5,000	4,900	4,600	7,600	7,700	6,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENTON		
TOTAL	36,000	35,700	36,100	439,300	437,200	420,500	33,500	33,600	33,800
Manufacturing	5,500	5,300	5,800	49,100	49,700	48,900	11,100	11,100	11,000
Mining	600	700	700	3,400	3,400	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	29,300	29,100	27,400	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,700	3,800	19,200	19,100	18,200	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,900	8,600	114,700	114,500	108,000	7,000	7,000	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	30,100	29,800	29,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,200	95,700	94,900	90,900	5,700	5,700	5,800
Government	6,700	6,400	6,400	97,800	96,700	94,900	4,700	4,700	4,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,300	46,400	45,200	56,500	56,200	54,600	73,300	73,000	71,300
Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,400	10,900	10,900	10,800	15,300	15,200	15,000
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,200	--	--	--
Construction	2,500	2,600	1,900	2,400	2,400	2,500	3,700	3,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,700	3,200	3,300	3,400
Trade	11,200	11,200	10,700	15,000	14,900	14,000	17,900	17,800	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,400	4,400	4,400
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,400	11,200	11,100	10,900	16,700	16,600	16,100
Government	12,900	12,900	12,800	7,900	7,800	7,400	12,100	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	54,100	53,800	53,300						
Manufacturing	9,300	9,100	8,600						
Mining	3,300	3,200	3,500						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200						
Trade	13,500	13,500	13,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,100						
Government	10,900	10,900	10,900						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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encouraging is that two-thirds of the over-the-month improvement occurred in the durable goods sector, where most of the layoffs during the past year were centered.

Within durable goods, nonelectrical machinery showed the largest number of additions, due in part to the improvement in the oil field business. Stone, clay and glass products also registered a moderate gain as consumer demand increased. Only two durable goods sectors recorded losses over the month, both of them small. Manufacturers of instruments and related products released workers in October, and makers of electric and electronic equipment also deleted jobs.

The nondurable goods sector contributed over 1,000 new jobs in October, with decreases in only three major sectors. The largest upturn in nondurable goods was

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY			Change From		Change From
	Oct. 1983*	Sep. 1983**	Oct. 1982**	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,208,600	6,193,400	6,219,900	15,200	- 11,300
Manufacturing	1,009,500	1,006,100	1,014,400	3,400	- 4,900
Durable Goods	585,500	583,200	590,900	2,300	- 5,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,400	40,600	37,800	- 200	2,600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,900	7,600	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,300	14,500	100	1,900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,900	49,300	44,900	600	5,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,700	23,600	21,300	100	2,400
Primary Metal Industries	39,200	39,000	38,300	200	900
Fabricated Metal Products	85,700	85,400	90,000	300	- 4,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,400	45,100	46,800	300	- 1,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,500	138,700	152,700	800	- 13,200
Oil Field Machinery	44,600	44,200	53,500	400	- 8,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,500	100,700	99,100	- 200	1,400
Transportation Equipment	77,400	76,900	75,500	500	1,900
Aircraft & Parts	39,000	39,100	38,800	- 100	200
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	23,000	24,700	- 300	- 2,000
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,800	13,300	13,400	500	400
Nondurable Goods	424,000	422,900	423,500	1,100	500
Food & Kindred Products	98,100	97,200	98,000	900	100
Meat Products	27,000	26,900	26,300	100	700
Dairy Products	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Bakery Products	11,700	11,200	11,500	500	200
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,300	66,600	64,800	- 300	1,500
Paper & Allied Products	21,800	21,600	22,200	200	- 400
Printing & Publishing	68,600	68,200	67,300	400	1,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,900	35,000	34,600	- 100	300
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,700	79,900	81,600	- 200	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,400	43,500	44,500	- 100	1,100
Petroleum Refining	40,600	40,800	41,700	- 200	- 1,100
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,100	9,200	0	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	31,600	31,400	30,400	200	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,199,100	5,187,300	5,205,500	11,800	- 6,400
Mining	288,100	286,800	298,100	1,300	- 10,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	278,900	277,600	288,300	1,300	- 9,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,200	9,200	9,800	0	- 600
Construction	387,500	390,900	421,900	- 3,400	- 34,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,000	381,000	380,700	1,000	1,300
Railroad Transportation	25,100	25,100	26,300	0	- 1,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,700	184,000	179,900	700	4,800
Transportation by Air	37,000	36,600	36,200	400	800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	92,400	92,100	95,100	300	- 2,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	79,800	79,400	0	400
Electric Services	44,800	44,900	43,800	- 100	1,000
Gas Production & Distribution	29,600	29,600	30,400	0	- 800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,543,600	1,541,100	1,539,200	2,500	4,400
Wholesale Trade	429,700	428,900	439,700	800	- 10,000
Retail Trade	1,113,900	1,112,200	1,099,500	1,700	14,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,900	49,800	47,100	100	2,800
General Merchandise Stores	146,600	145,400	146,400	1,200	200
Food Stores	197,800	198,400	193,300	- 600	4,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,300	122,200	125,100	100	- 2,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,800	79,900	80,900	- 100	- 1,100
Other Retail Trade	517,500	516,500	506,700	1,000	10,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	374,600	374,500	365,700	100	8,900
Banking	100,100	100,600	100,100	- 500	0
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,200	120,100	120,000	100	200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	154,300	153,800	145,600	500	8,700
Services	1,176,900	1,175,900	1,166,100	1,000	10,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,400	67,300	67,400	100	0
Personal Services	74,100	73,900	74,300	200	- 200
Business & Repair Services	313,800	314,500	312,200	- 700	1,600
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	44,000	44,300	45,900	- 300	- 1,900
Health Services	330,800	331,400	325,700	- 600	5,100
Educational Services	64,300	62,100	60,000	2,200	4,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,500	282,400	280,600	100	1,900
Total Government	1,046,400	1,037,100	1,033,800	9,300	12,600
Total Federal Government	178,000	178,400	172,300	- 400	5,700
Total State Government	240,400	236,000	233,600	4,400	6,800
Total Local Government	628,000	622,700	627,900	5,300	100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82**	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82**	Oct. '83*	Sep. '83**	Oct. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	80,600	76,100	100,400	100,500	95,000	311,200	310,500	296,300
Total Unemployment	3,600	4,700	3,800	4,600	5,600	4,900	11,100	13,700	13,400
Percent Unemployed	4.5	5.8	5.0	4.6	5.6	5.2	3.6	4.4	4.5
Total Employment 2/	76,600	75,900	72,300	95,800	94,900	90,100	300,100	296,800	282,900
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	181,800	185,600	180,600	86,600	89,200	82,400	53,300	52,800	50,800
Total Unemployment	21,900	28,000	22,300	12,400	15,400	12,000	1,700	2,200	2,100
Percent Unemployed	12.0	15.1	12.3	14.3	17.3	14.6	3.2	4.2	4.1
Total Employment 2/	159,900	157,600	158,300	74,200	73,800	70,400	51,600	50,600	48,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,300	175,300	162,900	1,799.6	1,800.6	1,706.0	195,100	198,900	190,500
Total Unemployment	17,400	21,900	12,700	81.6	100.2	99.4	20,400	25,000	22,800
Percent Unemployed	10.2	12.5	7.8	4.5	5.6	5.8	10.5	12.6	12.0
Total Employment 2/	153,900	153,400	150,200	1,718.0	1,700.4	1,606.6	174,700	173,900	167,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,100	93,300	89,100	1,794.3	1,813.2	1,750.5	74,100	74,600	69,500
Total Unemployment	9,600	12,300	10,400	145.9	182.3	137.5	3,700	4,700	4,200
Percent Unemployed	10.4	13.2	11.7	8.1	10.1	7.9	5.0	6.3	6.0
Total Employment 2/	82,500	81,000	78,700	1,648.4	1,630.9	1,613.0	70,400	69,900	65,300
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,400	41,100	40,000	80,200	82,000	78,800	110,800	111,500	105,700
Total Unemployment	8,600	10,800	8,900	8,000	10,200	9,300	6,200	7,500	5,300
Percent Unemployed	21.8	26.3	22.3	10.0	12.4	11.8	5.6	6.7	5.0
Total Employment 2/	30,800	30,300	31,100	72,200	71,800	69,500	104,600	104,000	100,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	115,800	118,000	109,700	69,200	68,100	62,900	74,100	75,000	72,100
Total Unemployment	22,800	29,600	20,300	3,800	4,400	3,000	5,700	7,300	4,500
Percent Unemployed	19.7	25.1	18.5	5.5	6.5	4.8	7.7	9.7	6.2
Total Employment 2/	93,000	88,400	89,400	65,400	63,700	59,900	68,400	67,700	67,600
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,700	47,700	46,600	501,900	502,300	468,000	39,300	39,700	39,500
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,600	2,500	27,400	33,200	29,900	2,500	3,100	3,600
Percent Unemployed	4.6	5.5	5.4	5.5	6.6	6.4	6.4	7.8	9.1
Total Employment 2/	45,500	45,100	44,100	474,500	469,100	438,100	36,800	36,600	35,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,800	52,300	51,000	75,700	75,400	71,100	40,800	41,500	40,100
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,300	5,000	4,200	5,000	4,700	3,300	4,300	3,700
Percent Unemployed	9.1	10.1	9.8	5.5	6.6	6.6	8.1	10.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	47,100	47,000	46,000	71,500	70,400	66,400	37,500	37,200	36,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	87,900	87,400	83,900	68,100	68,200	66,300	7,666.0	7,724.3	7,362.9
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,800	5,400	3,800	4,500	5,000	532.2	662.7	558.1
Percent Unemployed	4.9	5.5	6.4	5.6	6.6	7.5	6.9	8.6	7.6
Total Employment 2/	83,600	82,600	78,500	64,300	63,700	61,300	7,133.8	7,061.6	6,804.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3 In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. ± 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. ± 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. ± 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$371.01	\$371.01	\$346.26	41.5	41.5	39.8	\$ 8.94	\$ 8.94	\$ 8.70
Durable Goods	365.51	364.56	346.58	41.3	41.1	39.7	8.85	8.87	8.73
Lumber & Wood Products	242.97	243.04	229.67	39.0	38.7	38.6	6.23	6.28	5.95
Furniture & Fixtures	242.67	240.67	249.87	41.2	41.0	41.3	5.89	5.87	6.05
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	360.18	363.77	321.44	43.5	44.2	41.8	8.28	8.23	7.69
Primary Metal Industries	401.60	396.47	406.27	40.0	39.1	38.4	10.04	10.14	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	362.71	360.60	342.53	40.8	40.7	38.4	8.89	8.86	8.92
Machinery, Exc. Electric	358.48	355.83	345.05	41.3	40.9	39.3	8.68	8.70	8.78
Oil Field Machinery	415.95	407.09	402.75	40.9	39.6	37.5	10.17	10.28	10.74
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	374.11	382.27	348.33	41.8	42.1	39.9	8.95	9.08	8.73
Transportation Equipment	486.51	484.45	470.11	41.3	41.3	42.2	11.78	11.73	11.14
Aircraft & Parts	493.66	500.82	476.02	40.9	41.7	42.2	12.07	12.01	11.28
Instr. & Related Products	328.84	327.64	285.39	40.9	40.6	37.9	8.04	8.07	7.53
Misc. Mfg. Industries	315.98	312.06	277.55	42.7	42.4	40.4	7.40	7.36	6.87
Nondurable Goods	379.13	381.01	346.40	41.8	42.1	40.0	9.07	9.05	8.66
Food & Kindred Products	321.73	334.84	307.22	42.5	44.0	42.2	7.57	7.61	7.28
Meat Products	286.38	308.88	283.37	43.0	44.7	43.0	6.66	6.91	6.59
Malt Beverages	643.37	640.47	625.22	43.5	43.1	43.6	14.79	14.86	14.34
Textile Mill Products	261.14	258.12	246.08	42.6	41.7	42.5	6.13	6.19	5.79
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	186.09	188.82	167.56	37.9	38.3	35.5	4.91	4.93	4.72
Paper & Allied Products	425.90	428.12	381.91	45.6	45.4	42.2	9.34	9.43	9.05
Printing & Publishing	350.20	343.13	303.18	41.2	40.8	37.2	8.50	8.41	8.15
Chemicals & Allied Products	595.02	586.79	548.10	42.9	42.8	42.0	13.87	13.71	13.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	606.96	621.62	552.40	43.2	43.5	42.2	14.05	14.29	13.09
Petroleum Refining	630.81	647.46	571.94	43.0	43.6	41.9	14.67	14.85	13.65
Leather & Leather Products	225.91	233.60	185.73	41.3	43.1	39.1	5.47	5.42	4.75
Other Nondurable Goods	387.20	373.68	316.01	44.1	43.1	39.9	8.78	8.67	7.92
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	487.76	489.75	470.02	45.5	45.9	45.5	10.72	10.67	10.33
Oil & Gas Extraction	492.02	494.04	471.38	45.6	46.0	45.5	10.79	10.74	10.36
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	368.01	369.95	417.31	43.5	44.2	44.3	8.46	8.37	9.42
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	402.98	425.32	390.43	39.2	40.2	39.2	10.28	10.58	9.96
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	427.99	427.43	405.60	40.8	41.7	41.6	10.49	10.25	9.75
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.93	236.32	225.10	34.1	34.6	33.9	6.86	6.83	6.64
Wholesale Trade	360.64	360.70	338.37	39.5	39.9	39.3	9.13	9.04	8.61
Retail Trade	185.54	187.85	179.74	32.1	32.5	31.7	5.78	5.78	5.67
General Mdse. Stores	168.64	168.04	156.11	29.9	29.9	29.4	5.64	5.62	5.31
Banking	236.28	236.22	227.48	35.8	35.9	37.6	6.60	6.58	6.05

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$364.97	\$368.46	\$337.39	41.1	41.4	39.6	\$ 8.88	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.52
Durable Goods	384.29	387.61	355.50	41.1	41.5	39.5	9.35	9.34	9.00
Nondurable Goods	321.44	324.69	296.91	41.0	41.1	39.8	7.84	7.90	7.46
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	448.56	454.53	419.12	42.0	42.4	40.3	10.68	10.72	10.40
Durable Goods	401.70	401.57	382.78	41.8	41.7	39.3	9.61	9.63	9.74
Nondurable Goods	524.45	540.57	482.58	42.4	43.7	42.0	12.37	12.37	11.49
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	274.96	279.55	248.45	41.1	41.6	38.7	6.69	6.72	6.42
Durable Goods	292.94	301.49	271.60	40.8	41.3	40.0	7.18	7.30	6.79
Nondurable Goods	256.06	258.10	226.13	41.3	41.9	37.5	6.20	6.16	6.03

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

in food and kindred products, with increases widespread throughout the industry. Printing and publishing recorded the only other gain of more than 200 in nondurable goods. Small reductions were recorded in apparel and other finished textile products as fall buying tapered off, in chemicals and allied products, and in petroleum and coal products.

Statewide agricultural employment totaled 180,570 in October 1983 compared to 179,330 in October 1982. The difference in employment is relatively small; but, were it not for the Payment in Kind Program, which has idled farmlands, agricultural employment would probably be somewhat higher than it is.

HOURS, EARNINGS UNCHANGED OVER MONTH

Average hours worked by a manufacturing production worker in Texas remained at 41.5 hours in October 1983, and average hourly earnings were also stable at \$8.94, for a weekly earnings average of \$371.01. Although manufacturing as a whole was unchanged, hours and earnings for durable goods and nondurable goods workers did vary over the month. Employees in durable goods worked 0.2 hours longer in October on average than in September, but at 2¢ less per hour, with a net result of a 95¢ gain in average weekly earnings. Increased oil field activity generated a rise in the number of hours worked in the oil field machinery segment of nonelectrical machinery. Nondurable goods employees worked 0.3 hours less in October for 2¢ more per hour, earning an average of \$379.13 a week, down \$1.88 from September. The largest increase in hours worked in nondurable goods occurred in other rubber and plastics products, where more overtime worked pushed average hours up by 3.6 hours.

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose from September's 715,000 to 719,100 in October 1983. The increase was about evenly split between production workers in durable goods industries and those in nondurable goods industries.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY SMSA

Third Quarter
July 1, 1983 - September 30, 1983

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1983	Oct. 1982
Total Population	15,974,500	15,418,900
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	2.3
UI Covered Employers	294,073	284,120
Total Claims Actions	497,279	732,946
Total Initial Claims Actions	64,804	90,300
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	432,475	642,646
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$133.24	\$125.63
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$56,577,697	\$71,064,571
Total Placements	INA	31,751

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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Abilene	\$ 1,209,507
Amarillo	1,651,636
Austin	3,469,096
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	13,214,128
Brownsville-Marlingen-San Benito	4,953,592
Bryan-College Station	736,860
Corpus Christi	9,487,062
Dallas-Fort Worth	27,108,075
El Paso	7,164,709
Galveston-Texas City	4,844,240
Houston	80,037,020
Killeen-Temple	1,398,562
Laredo	3,485,853
Longview-Marshall	3,974,439
Lubbock	2,355,206
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	8,358,015
Midland	1,565,781
Mesa	3,507,623
San Angelo	756,120
San Antonio	8,162,529
Sherman-Denison	887,455
Texarkana (Bowie County only)	930,197
Tyler	1,676,451
Waco	1,210,755
Wichita Falls	1,421,546

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES FURTHER

The Texas unemployment rate continued to remain below levels of recent months in November, as seasonal hiring and a somewhat improved economy pushed the actual unemployment rate to 6.8 percent, one-tenth of a percent below October's rate of 6.9 percent. There were, however, still over half a million jobless Texans in November, with unemployment totaling 521,500. Total employment rose by 18,000 over the month, to 7,151,800 in mid-November, a new record high.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined more sharply, from October's 7.4 percent to 6.7 percent in November. The U. S. actual unemployment rate was down from 8.4 percent in October to 8.1 percent in November. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation also decreased, from 8.8 percent in October to 8.4 percent in November.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,147.0	112,042.0	110,855.0
Unemployment	9,129.0	9,383.0	11,476.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.4	10.4
Total Employment	103,018.0	102,659.0	99,379.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,036.0	111,815.0	111,042.0
Unemployment	9,364.0	9,886.0	11,906.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.8	10.7
Total Employment	102,672.0	101,929.0	99,136.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,673.3	7,666.0	7,456.9
Unemployment	521.5	532.2	565.6
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	7.6
Total Employment	7,151.8	7,133.8	6,891.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,657.0	7,669.0	7,445.0
Unemployment	516.0	571.0	560.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.4	7.5
Total Employment	7,141.0	7,098.0	6,885.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES

For the first time since August 1982, the current wage and salary employment total in November was above that recorded a year earlier. It has taken the Texas economy more than a year to climb back to the levels enjoyed early in 1982, before the National recession and problems in the oil and gas industry put a damper on growth. The only pessimistic note in the November figures is that a portion of the increase this month is seasonal and some of these jobs may be eliminated after the holidays.

Retail trade recorded the largest over-the-month gain, with 6,000 additional positions in November. Most of this increase was seasonal, as merchants hired staff to assist during the Christmas rush. The majority of the expansion was in general merchandise stores and apparel and accessory stores. Small losses were recorded in other retail trade, in automotive dealers and service stations, and in building materials and garden supplies. Some of these declines were also seasonal in nature.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82*	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	61,000	60,900	60,100	80,000	79,500	78,400	275,700	274,300	270,100
Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	6,900	11,000	11,100	10,300	34,300	34,000	33,600
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,000	1,900	2,300	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,400	3,200	3,200	3,100	15,600	15,400	14,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,500	7,900	7,800	7,800
Trade	15,900	15,800	15,500	24,600	24,200	24,700	63,100	62,800	60,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,300	4,100	17,400	17,400	17,600
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,600	14,700	14,800	14,600	54,600	54,400	53,800
Government	9,700	9,800	9,300	13,700	13,500	12,800	82,000	81,700	81,500
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,100	144,700	147,600	59,100	59,100	58,000	45,100	44,900	44,100
Manufacturing	33,300	33,600	34,700	8,800	8,700	8,900	3,200	3,100	2,900
Mining	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100	1,600	1,500	1,500
Construction	10,000	9,900	11,500	3,400	3,400	3,600	2,800	2,900	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,200	12,400	12,300	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	34,200	34,100	34,000	17,500	17,500	16,800	9,100	9,200	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,600	26,200	10,600	10,700	10,200	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	20,100	20,100	20,700	12,400	12,400	12,100	18,500	18,300	17,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,100	132,800	134,400	1,602.5	1,599.6	1,547.2	165,500	166,100	165,400
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	15,200	313.8	313.6	308.7	38,100	38,400	37,100
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.5	32.6	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,100	12,000	12,700	87.9	87.4	84.5	7,800	8,000	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,300	7,700	98.9	98.7	97.2	10,400	10,500	10,600
Trade	32,400	32,300	32,300	436.6	433.1	422.4	40,100	40,000	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,600	6,300	122.8	122.8	117.1	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,700	23,900	24,700	321.8	324.5	301.9	26,900	27,100	27,600
Government	27,100	26,900	26,300	188.2	186.9	182.6	34,400	34,300	33,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,100	69,800	68,900	1,555.6	1,549.4	1,570.3	62,700	62,800	60,500
Manufacturing	10,700	10,500	11,300	222.3	223.4	240.3	8,600	8,700	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.3	104.4	102.6	--	--	--
Construction	5,400	5,300	4,800	136.4	136.5	143.0	3,800	3,700	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,500	6,300	108.0	106.4	109.2	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,900	370.0	367.3	377.6	14,000	13,900	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,600	101.4	102.1	100.0	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,100	10,200	10,100	332.1	329.8	319.2	11,300	11,500	11,200
Government	19,200	19,100	18,100	180.1	179.5	178.4	19,400	19,400	19,100

2/ In Thousands

Increases in motor freight transportation and warehousing and in water transportation pushed employment up in transportation and public utilities by some 4,600 over the month. Government registered a gain of 4,600 which was concentrated in the local and state sectors. Most of the increase was seasonal, as government agencies hired temporary workers to assist in year-end activities. Educational institutions were also hiring more substitute teachers and staff as needed. The federal sector posted a smaller gain as additional postal workers were hired for Christmas.

Oil field activities continued to pick up, and an additional 2,600 jobs were registered in mining over the month. This upturn in oil and gas activity has not yet brought employment back up to year-ago levels, but the recent acceleration is an encouraging sign that this industry is still alive in Texas.

Jobs in services advanced on the strength of increases in business and repair services, where general improvements brought 1,000 more jobs between October and November. The largest declines in services were in health services, where hospitals

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,000	29,900	30,700	68,200	67,900	68,400	90,900	90,700	90,600
Manufacturing	1,900	1,700	1,700	16,000	15,900	16,600	10,200	10,600	11,400
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,600	4,500	4,500	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,500	4,300	4,300	4,800	4,100	4,200	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,900	3,900	3,800	5,000	4,800	4,800
Trade	9,300	9,300	10,100	17,300	17,100	17,000	26,700	26,600	26,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,400	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,100
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	4,900	11,300	11,400	11,200	17,700	17,600	17,000
Government	6,800	6,900	6,600	7,900	7,900	7,700	21,300	21,000	20,900
Industry	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
TOTAL	79,300	77,600	78,200	54,900	54,400	51,700	57,100	56,500	57,000
Manufacturing	9,700	9,000	8,600	4,000	4,200	4,200	6,100	6,000	7,300
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,600	13,100	13,000	13,600	8,300	8,200	8,000
Construction	5,800	5,900	5,900	4,100	4,200	4,400	5,600	5,200	5,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,200	3,200	3,000	2,700	2,800	3,100
Trade	25,000	23,900	25,500	12,100	11,800	10,700	15,500	15,400	15,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,200	3,000	3,700	3,600	3,200	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,000	9,800	9,600	9,400	8,000	9,100	9,000	8,300
Government	21,400	21,400	21,100	5,100	5,000	4,600	7,500	7,600	6,700
Industry	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
TOTAL	35,800	36,000	36,200	440,800	439,100	422,000	33,600	33,600	33,700
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,700	49,600	49,200	48,900	11,100	11,100	10,800
Mining	600	600	700	3,400	3,400	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	29,200	29,400	27,600	1,300	1,300	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700	19,300	19,100	18,200	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	9,000	8,800	8,900	115,900	114,700	108,600	7,000	7,100	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	29,800	30,000	29,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,100	7,300	7,200	95,400	95,500	90,800	5,700	5,700	5,800
Government	6,600	6,700	6,400	98,200	97,800	95,700	4,800	4,700	4,600
Industry	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
TOTAL	46,700	46,600	45,300	56,800	56,500	55,400	73,400	73,300	71,400
Manufacturing	8,400	8,300	8,300	11,000	10,900	10,900	15,200	15,300	15,000
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,100	--	--	--
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,400	2,400	2,500	3,700	3,700	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	11,300	11,200	10,800	15,200	15,000	14,700	18,200	17,900	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,500	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,600	7,400	11,200	11,200	10,900	16,700	16,700	16,100
Government	13,100	13,100	12,800	7,900	7,900	7,400	11,900	12,100	11,700
Industry	WICHITA FALLS								
	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
TOTAL	54,100	54,100	52,900						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	8,600						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,000	3,200						
Trade	13,500	13,500	13,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,000						
Government	10,900	11,000	10,900						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

** Revised.

and nursing and personal care facilities reported numerous small cutbacks, and in amusements, including motion pictures, which traditionally shows decreases at this time of the year.

Increased business in real estate loans and investments pushed employment up in the "other" portion of finance, insurance and real estate, while the other two sectors -- banking and insurance carriers, agents and brokers -- remained unchanged over the month.

For the fifth consecutive month, construction employment dropped in November. Some 11,600 jobs have been lost since June 1983 in this industry, as higher interest rates and tight money have slowed building in most sectors.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Change From		Change From	
	Nov. 1983*	Oct. 1983**	Nov. 1982**	Oct. 1983
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,230,600	6,211,700	6,215,200	18,900
Manufacturing	1,010,500	1,009,300	1,007,800	1,200
Durable Goods	586,000	585,300	585,400	700
Lumber & Wood Products	40,200	40,500	37,600	- 300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,900	7,500	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,600	14,500	- 200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,200	49,700	44,900	- 500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,500	23,600	21,300	- 100
Primary Metal Industries	38,900	39,000	38,000	- 100
Fabricated Metal Products	85,600	85,600	88,300	0
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,300	45,400	45,900	- 100
Machinery, Except Electrical	140,200	139,500	149,900	700
Oil Field Machinery	45,200	44,500	51,200	700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	101,200	100,800	99,900	400
Transportation Equipment	77,700	77,000	74,800	700
Aircraft & Parts	39,000	39,000	38,900	0
Instruments & Related Products	22,800	22,800	23,900	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,800	13,800	13,600	0
Nondurable Goods	424,500	424,000	422,400	500
Food & Kindred Products	98,900	98,000	98,200	900
Meat Products	27,000	27,000	26,900	0
Dairy Products	4,800	4,900	4,800	- 100
Bakery Products	12,500	11,700	11,100	800
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,400	5,500	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,000	66,300	63,700	- 300
Paper & Allied Products	21,800	21,700	22,000	100
Printing & Publishing	68,700	68,600	67,500	100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,200	35,000	34,900	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,600	79,700	81,200	- 100
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,100	43,500	44,500	- 400
Petroleum Refining	40,300	40,700	41,700	- 400
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,100	9,300	0
Other Nondurable Goods	32,000	31,700	30,500	300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,220,100	5,202,400	5,207,400	17,700
Mining	291,100	288,500	296,500	2,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	281,900	279,300	287,000	2,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,200	9,200	9,500	0
Construction	384,900	387,700	419,000	- 2,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,900	379,300	378,600	4,600
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,100	25,800	100
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,000	182,000	178,200	4,000
Transportation by Air	35,100	34,400	35,900	700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	92,700	92,400	95,000	300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,000	79,800	79,600	200
Electric Services	44,900	44,800	44,100	100
Gas Production & Distribution	29,700	29,600	30,400	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,551,500	1,544,600	1,543,300	6,900
Wholesale Trade	430,500	429,600	437,100	900
Retail Trade	1,121,000	1,115,000	1,106,200	6,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,700	49,800	47,100	- 100
General Merchandise Stores	151,500	147,000	148,200	4,500
Food Stores	198,600	197,900	194,600	700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	121,900	122,400	123,000	- 500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,000	79,900	83,700	2,100
Other Retail Trade	517,300	518,000	509,600	- 700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	375,000	374,300	367,200	700
Banking	100,200	100,200	100,200	0
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,000	120,000	120,100	0
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	154,800	154,100	146,900	700
Services	1,179,200	1,178,100	1,162,800	1,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,400	67,500	66,700	- 100
Personal Services	74,500	74,100	74,500	400
Business & Repair Services	315,600	314,600	310,200	1,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	43,900	44,200	45,600	- 300
Health Services	330,900	331,500	325,000	- 600
Educational Services	64,600	63,900	61,000	700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,300	282,300	279,800	0
Total Government	1,054,500	1,049,900	1,040,000	4,600
Total Federal Government	179,100	178,200	173,500	900
Total State Government	243,300	241,900	235,100	1,400
Total Local Government	632,100	629,800	631,400	2,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**	Nov. '83*	Oct. '83**	Nov. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,200	77,500	101,400	100,200	96,100	313,200	311,300	301,100
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,600	3,800	5,600	4,600	4,600	11,500	11,100	12,700
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.5	4.9	5.5	4.6	4.8	3.7	3.6	4.2
Total Employment 2/	76,500	76,600	73,700	95,800	95,600	91,500	301,700	300,200	288,400
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,700	181,200	182,700	87,000	86,700	83,800	53,400	53,300	51,700
Total Unemployment	21,300	21,900	23,000	12,600	12,400	12,300	1,600	1,700	2,100
Percent Unemployed	11.9	12.1	12.6	14.5	14.3	14.7	3.0	3.2	4.1
Total Employment 2/	158,400	159,300	159,700	74,400	74,300	71,500	51,800	51,600	49,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,000	171,000	164,900	1,805.5	1,801.4	1,724.4	195,300	195,700	192,200
Total Unemployment	16,300	17,400	13,100	80.8	81.6	97.5	20,400	20,500	22,500
Percent Unemployed	9.6	10.2	7.9	4.5	4.5	5.7	10.4	10.5	11.7
Total Employment 2/	153,700	153,600	151,800	1,724.7	1,719.8	1,626.9	174,900	175,200	169,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,000	92,200	90,500	1,793.5	1,793.8	1,772.1	74,500	74,200	70,800
Total Unemployment	9,100	9,600	11,000	137.7	146.0	143.6	3,700	3,700	4,400
Percent Unemployed	9.9	10.4	12.2	7.7	8.1	8.1	5.0	5.0	6.2
Total Employment 2/	82,900	82,600	79,500	1,655.8	1,647.8	1,628.5	70,800	70,500	66,400
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,200	39,200	41,000	79,900	80,100	80,000	113,500	111,100	107,500
Total Unemployment	8,300	8,500	9,400	7,600	8,000	9,300	7,800	6,200	5,300
Percent Unemployed	21.2	21.7	22.9	9.5	10.0	11.6	6.9	5.6	4.9
Total Employment 2/	30,900	30,700	31,600	72,300	72,100	70,700	105,700	104,900	102,200
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	116,400	115,600	115,000	69,400	69,000	63,600	74,700	74,200	72,100
Total Unemployment	21,400	22,700	21,000	3,700	3,800	3,100	5,600	5,700	4,700
Percent Unemployed	18.4	19.6	18.3	5.3	5.5	4.9	7.5	7.7	6.5
Total Employment 2/	95,000	92,900	94,000	65,700	65,200	60,500	69,100	68,500	67,400
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,000	47,700	47,000	503,100	501,800	475,100	39,400	39,200	40,300
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,200	2,200	26,800	27,400	29,400	2,600	2,500	4,100
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.5	6.2	6.6	6.4	10.2
Total Employment 2/	45,600	45,500	44,800	476,300	474,400	445,700	36,800	36,700	36,200
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,100	52,000	51,300	76,030	75,600	72,900	40,700	40,800	40,600
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,700	5,100	4,300	4,200	4,700	3,300	3,300	3,800
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.0	9.9	5.7	5.6	6.4	8.1	8.1	9.4
Total Employment 2/	47,400	47,300	46,200	71,700	71,400	68,200	37,400	37,500	36,800
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	88,200	88,000	84,500	67,900	67,800	66,800	7,673.3	7,666.0	7,456.9
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,300	4,700	3,400	3,700	4,900	521.5	532.2	565.6
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.9	5.6	5.0	5.5	7.3	6.8	6.9	7.6
Total Employment 2/	83,800	83,700	79,800	64,500	64,100	61,900	7,151.8	7,133.8	6,891.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3 In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. ± 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. ± 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. ± 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$ 372.67	\$ 370.53	\$ 351.35	41.5	41.4	40.2	\$ 8.98	\$ 8.95	\$ 8.74
Durable Goods	368.46	364.15	350.32	41.4	41.1	39.9	8.90	8.86	8.78
Lumber & Wood Products	245.39	246.02	234.21	39.2	39.3	39.1	6.26	6.26	5.99
Furniture & Fixtures	236.41	242.79	234.42	39.6	40.6	39.8	5.97	5.98	5.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	358.44	359.86	328.10	43.5	43.2	42.5	8.24	8.33	7.72
Primary Metal Industries	394.21	390.17	391.58	39.5	38.9	37.4	9.98	10.03	10.47
Fabricated Metal Products	367.02	363.53	347.65	41.1	40.8	38.8	8.93	8.91	8.96
Machinery, Exc. Electric	363.62	355.83	350.06	41.7	40.9	39.6	8.72	8.70	8.84
Oil Field Machinery	434.30	413.29	422.67	41.8	40.4	39.1	10.39	10.23	10.81
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	378.14	379.74	349.13	41.6	42.1	39.9	9.09	9.02	8.75
Transportation Equipment	502.02	482.80	486.76	42.4	41.3	43.0	11.84	11.69	11.32
Aircraft & Parts	519.06	492.85	494.47	42.2	40.9	42.7	12.30	12.05	11.58
Instr. & Related Products	322.00	327.23	291.45	40.3	40.7	37.9	7.99	8.04	7.69
Misc. Mfg. Industries	322.46	318.38	280.02	43.4	43.2	40.7	7.43	7.37	6.88
Nondurable Goods	379.47	379.13	352.35	41.7	41.8	40.5	9.10	9.07	8.70
Food & Kindred Products	327.08	323.24	300.88	42.7	42.7	41.5	7.66	7.57	7.25
Meat Products	286.62	286.57	265.68	42.4	42.9	41.0	6.76	6.68	6.48
Malt Beverages	625.60	622.66	616.07	42.5	42.3	43.6	14.72	14.72	14.13
Textile Mill Products	262.28	252.05	260.15	42.1	41.8	43.0	6.23	6.03	6.05
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	182.14	186.20	169.33	37.4	38.0	35.8	4.87	4.90	4.73
Paper & Allied Products	421.07	420.30	397.01	44.7	45.0	43.2	9.42	9.34	9.19
Printing & Publishing	353.97	347.65	316.22	41.4	40.9	38.8	8.55	8.50	8.15
Chemicals & Allied Products	587.88	594.81	552.08	42.6	42.7	42.5	13.80	13.93	12.99
Petroleum & Coal Products	611.40	600.06	555.90	43.3	42.8	42.5	14.12	14.02	13.08
Petroleum Refining	636.77	623.24	576.55	43.2	42.6	42.3	14.74	14.63	13.63
Leather & Leather Products	223.55	225.50	199.20	42.5	41.3	40.0	5.26	5.46	4.98
Other Nondurable Goods	387.17	388.08	344.40	43.6	44.2	42.0	8.88	8.78	8.20
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	480.24	490.36	467.86	46.0	46.0	45.6	10.44	10.66	10.26
Oil & Gas Extraction	483.00	493.58	469.68	46.0	46.0	45.6	10.50	10.73	10.30
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	375.48	379.14	410.32	44.7	44.5	44.6	8.40	8.52	9.20
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	423.34	426.38	389.62	39.9	39.7	38.5	10.61	10.74	10.12
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	428.58	431.36	404.01	42.1	41.2	41.1	10.18	10.47	9.83
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.36	233.93	226.44	34.5	34.2	34.0	6.88	6.84	6.66
Wholesale Trade	364.80	360.87	340.89	40.0	39.7	39.5	9.12	9.09	8.63
Retail Trade	188.24	184.90	180.94	32.4	32.1	31.8	5.81	5.76	5.69
General Mdse. Stores	163.60	164.84	156.51	29.8	29.7	29.2	5.49	5.55	5.36
Banking	235.06	233.12	228.69	36.5	35.7	37.8	6.44	6.53	6.05

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$370.12	\$364.15	\$347.33	41.4	41.1	40.2	\$ 8.94	\$ 8.86	\$ 8.64
Durable Goods	390.10	384.09	366.51	41.5	41.3	40.1	9.40	9.30	9.14
Nondurable Goods	326.68	321.10	305.02	41.3	40.8	40.4	7.91	7.87	7.55
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	452.15	450.05	429.93	42.1	42.1	41.3	10.74	10.69	10.41
Durable Goods	406.85	402.95	395.44	41.9	41.8	40.6	9.71	9.64	9.74
Nondurable Goods	523.64	525.68	489.90	42.4	42.6	42.6	12.35	12.34	11.50
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	283.30	273.36	257.11	41.6	40.8	39.8	6.81	6.70	6.46
Durable Goods	301.49	290.56	280.57	41.3	40.3	41.2	7.30	7.21	6.81
Nondurable Goods	265.23	256.47	234.85	41.9	41.3	38.5	6.33	6.21	6.10

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Manufacturing contributed an additional 1,200 jobs between October and November, although most of the industries recorded only small increases. Gains and losses were interspersed in durable goods, which generated a total growth of 700 jobs in November. Two segments of durable goods managed gains of 700 each, but these were partially offset by losses elsewhere. The oil field machinery portion of nonelectrical machinery responded to increased mining activity by adding 700 positions over the month. Transportation equipment manufacturers also recorded 700 new jobs in November, as employment in ship and boat building and repair pushed upward. A labor-management dispute idled some workers in aircraft and parts, but more business in the other sectors of transportation equipment more than made up for these losses.

Small, scattered increases in electric and electronic equipment were responsible for more moderate growth in this sector. Two segments -- fabricated metal products and instruments and related products -- remained unchanged over the month. Three durable goods sectors which are closely tied to construction fared poorly over the month. Lumber and wood products and stone, clay and glass products both supply materials to builders, and the decline in construction activity has affected these industries adversely. Furniture and fixtures is also related to construction, and this sector showed a small employment decrease in November.

Nondurable goods industries also had offsetting growth and declines, with a net result of only 500 jobs gained over the month. The largest single industry advance in manufacturing occurred in food and kindred products, on the strength of an 800 increase in bakery products as extra workers were hired for the holidays. The other nondurable goods category rose by 300 as seasonal increases occurred in rubber and plastics products. Apparel and other finished textile products recorded the largest decline in nondurable goods, as employment tapered off after the pre-Christmas rush.

HOURS AND EARNINGS ADVANCE

As manufacturing rallied in November in Texas, hours worked and hourly earnings rose. The average production worker was working an average of 41.5 hours a week in November for \$8.98 an hour, and earning an average of \$372.67 a week. Average weekly hours were up 0.1 hour from October, but had increased 1.3 hours from November 1982, when Texas manufacturing was severely depressed. Average hourly earnings were also up minimally over the month by 3¢, but had risen by 24¢ over the year. Manufacturing production workers in November totaled 720,000, up 2,000 from October but down 4,000 from November 1982.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982
Total Population	16,020,800	15,465,200
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	2.2
UI Covered Employers	294,843	285,292
Total Claims Actions	533,732	805,017
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,406	88,288
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	468,326	716,729
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$134.67	\$128.49
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$55,578,639	\$79,975,332
Total Placements	36,365	29,892

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES

Statewide actual unemployment rose slightly between November and December, with an additional 27,700 jobless in December. Total unemployment in mid-December was 549,200, and the actual unemployment rate was 7.1 percent compared to November's 6.8 percent. At the same time, employment also rose over the month, as 40,000 additional job-holders pushed the total to 7,191,800 -- once again a record high.

The seeming paradox of increases in both employment and unemployment occurred as more job-seekers entered the labor force in December than could be accommodated by the number of new jobs created over the month. Although the unemployment rate did climb moderately over the month, the current rate was still below the year-ago rate of 7.4 percent.

In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment increased by 84,000 over the month, pushing the rate up a full percentage point, from 6.7 percent in November to 7.7 percent in December. The current seasonally adjusted rate was also lower than the 8.0 percent recorded in December 1982. The U. S. actual unemployment rate declined minimally, from 8.1 percent in November to 8.0 percent in December 1983. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation also dropped slightly, from 8.4 percent to 8.2 percent.

Among the 26 major labor market areas, unemployment rose in 21 areas, while three areas had slightly lower rates and one was unchanged over the month. The 3.2 percent recorded by Bryan-College Station was the lowest rate in December, while Laredo once again recorded the highest, with 22.0 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Texas continued to move upward in December, rising to its highest level since July 1982. Total salaried nonfarm jobs rose by 31,700 between November and December, and in the four-month period since August 1983, the number of jobs had risen by 150,500 -- a considerably better record

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	111,795.0	112,147.0	110,477.0
Unemployment	8,992.0	9,129.0	11,628.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	8.1	10.5
Total Employment	102,803.0	103,018.0	98,849.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,136.0	112,036.0	111,129.0
Unemployment	9,195.0	9,364.0	12,036.0
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.4	10.8
Total Employment	102,941.0	102,672.0	99,093.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,741.0	7,673.3	7,495.4
Unemployment	549.2	521.5	556.9
Percent Unemployed	7.1	6.8	7.4
Total Employment	7,191.8	7,151.8	6,938.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,773.0	7,657.0	7,527.0
Unemployment	600.0	516.0	601.0
Percent Unemployed	7.7	6.7	8.0
Total Employment	7,173.0	7,141.0	6,926.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82*	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**
ABILENE									
TOTAL	61,000	61,000	60,600	80,300	79,800	78,800	278,000	275,600	272,800
Manufacturing	5,600	6,000	6,900	10,900	11,000	10,400	34,400	34,300	33,500
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,300	800	800	800
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,400	2,900	3,100	3,100	16,100	15,600	14,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,400	7,900	7,900	7,800
Trade	16,300	15,900	15,900	25,300	24,600	24,900	64,900	63,200	62,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,300	4,300	4,100	17,300	17,400	17,600
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,700	14,600	14,600	14,700	54,300	54,600	53,400
Government	9,700	9,700	9,400	13,800	13,700	12,900	82,300	81,800	82,100
AMARILLO									
TOTAL	144,800	144,200	147,000	59,400	59,100	57,900	45,000	44,900	43,800
Manufacturing	33,400	33,300	34,400	8,700	8,800	8,800	3,100	3,200	2,900
Mining	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100	1,600	1,500	1,600
Construction	9,800	10,000	11,000	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,100	2,800	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,300	12,200	12,500	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,100	2,000	1,900
Trade	35,000	34,200	34,300	17,800	17,500	16,800	9,400	9,100	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,300	26,000	10,600	10,600	10,300	5,900	6,000	6,000
Government	20,000	20,200	20,600	12,500	12,400	12,100	17,900	18,400	17,700
AUSTIN									
TOTAL	133,500	133,300	133,500	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,549.4	166,500	165,500	165,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800	314.5	313.3	307.2	38,400	38,300	37,500
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.6	32.5	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,200	12,400	87.1	87.9	83.2	7,700	7,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,400	7,600	99.6	99.0	97.3	10,400	10,400	10,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	32,100	444.5	436.6	427.7	40,900	39,900	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,300	123.4	122.5	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,700	319.8	321.6	301.3	27,000	26,900	27,600
Government	27,100	27,100	26,400	188.5	188.4	182.6	34,300	34,400	33,400
BEAUMONT-PT. A. -ORANGE									
TOTAL	144,800	144,200	147,000	59,400	59,100	57,900	45,000	44,900	43,800
Manufacturing	33,400	33,300	34,400	8,700	8,800	8,800	3,100	3,200	2,900
Mining	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100	1,600	1,500	1,600
Construction	9,800	10,000	11,000	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,100	2,800	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,300	12,200	12,500	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,100	2,000	1,900
Trade	35,000	34,200	34,300	17,800	17,500	16,800	9,400	9,100	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,300	26,000	10,600	10,600	10,300	5,900	6,000	6,000
Government	20,000	20,200	20,600	12,500	12,400	12,100	17,900	18,400	17,700
BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO									
TOTAL	133,500	133,300	133,500	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,549.4	166,500	165,500	165,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800	314.5	313.3	307.2	38,400	38,300	37,500
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.6	32.5	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,200	12,400	87.1	87.9	83.2	7,700	7,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,400	7,600	99.6	99.0	97.3	10,400	10,400	10,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	32,100	444.5	436.6	427.7	40,900	39,900	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,300	123.4	122.5	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,700	319.8	321.6	301.3	27,000	26,900	27,600
Government	27,100	27,100	26,400	188.5	188.4	182.6	34,300	34,400	33,400
BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION									
TOTAL	133,500	133,300	133,500	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,549.4	166,500	165,500	165,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800	314.5	313.3	307.2	38,400	38,300	37,500
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.6	32.5	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,200	12,400	87.1	87.9	83.2	7,700	7,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,400	7,600	99.6	99.0	97.3	10,400	10,400	10,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	32,100	444.5	436.6	427.7	40,900	39,900	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,300	123.4	122.5	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,700	319.8	321.6	301.3	27,000	26,900	27,600
Government	27,100	27,100	26,400	188.5	188.4	182.6	34,300	34,400	33,400
CORPUS CHRISTI									
TOTAL	133,500	133,300	133,500	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,549.4	166,500	165,500	165,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800	314.5	313.3	307.2	38,400	38,300	37,500
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.6	32.5	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,200	12,400	87.1	87.9	83.2	7,700	7,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,400	7,600	99.6	99.0	97.3	10,400	10,400	10,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	32,100	444.5	436.6	427.7	40,900	39,900	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,300	123.4	122.5	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,700	319.8	321.6	301.3	27,000	26,900	27,600
Government	27,100	27,100	26,400	188.5	188.4	182.6	34,300	34,400	33,400
DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/									
TOTAL	133,500	133,300	133,500	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,549.4	166,500	165,500	165,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800	314.5	313.3	307.2	38,400	38,300	37,500
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.6	32.5	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,200	12,400	87.1	87.9	83.2	7,700	7,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,400	7,600	99.6	99.0	97.3	10,400	10,400	10,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	32,100	444.5	436.6	427.7	40,900	39,900	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,300	123.4	122.5	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,700	319.8	321.6	301.3	27,000	26,900	27,600
Government	27,100	27,100	26,400	188.5	188.4	182.6	34,300	34,400	33,400
EL PASO									
TOTAL	133,500	133,300	133,500	1,610.0	1,601.8	1,549.4	166,500	165,500	165,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,800	314.5	313.3	307.2	38,400	38,300	37,500
Mining	8,800	8,800	9,200	32.6	32.5	32.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,200	12,400	87.1	87.9	83.2	7,700	7,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,400	7,600	99.6	99.0	97.3	10,400	10,400	10,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	32,100	444.5	436.6	427.7	40,900	39,900	40,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,300	123.4	122.5	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,700	319.8	321.6	301.3	27,000	26,900	27,600
Government	27,100	27,100	26,400	188.5	188.4	182.6	34,300	34,400	33,400
GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY									
TOTAL	69,600	69,800	68,700	1,560.4	1,555.8	1,570.3	63,400	62,600	60,900
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	11,100	221.8	222.1	238.8	8,800	8,600	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.9	105.1	102.6	--	--	--
Construction	5,200	5,400	4,700	132.3	135.5	141.8	3,800	3,800	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,400	6,300	106.5	107.5	108.4	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	13,100	12,900	13,100	378.4	370.9	381.5	14,400	14,000	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,500	102.3	102.0	100.1	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,100	10,100	332.6	332.2	319.4	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	19,100	19,200	18,100	180.6	180.5	177.7	19,400	19,300	19,200
HOUSTON 2/									
TOTAL	69,600	69,800	68,700	1,560.4	1,555.8	1,570.3	63,400	62,600	60,900
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	11,100	221.8	222.1	238.8	8,800	8,600	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.9	105.1	102.6	--	--	--
Construction	5,200	5,400	4,700	132.3	135.5	141.8	3,800	3,800	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,400	6,300	106.5	107.5	108.4	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	13,100	12,900	13,100	378.4	370.9	381.5	14,400	14,000	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,500	102.3	102.0	100.1	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,100	10,100	332.6	332.2	319.4	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	19,100	19,200	18,100	180.6	180.5	177.7	19,400	19,300	19,200
KILLEEN-TEMPLE									
TOTAL	69,600	69,800	68,700	1,560.4	1,555.8	1,570.3	63,400	62,600	60,900
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	11,100	221.8	222.1	238.8	8,800	8,600	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.9	105.1	102.6	--	--	--
Construction	5,200	5,400	4,700	132.3	135.5	141.8	3,800	3,800	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,400	6,300	106.5	107.5	108.4	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	13,100	12,900	13,100	378.4	370.9	381.5	14,400	14,000	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,500	102.3	102.0	100.1	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,100	10,100	332.6	332.2	319.4	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	19,100	19,200	18,100	180.6	180.5	177.7	19,400	19,300	19,200

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,200	30,000	30,900	68,400	68,100	68,400	91,200	90,900	90,200
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,700	15,900	16,000	16,500	10,300	10,200	11,400
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,500	4,500	4,500	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,500	4,300	4,300	4,600	3,900	4,100	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,900	3,900	3,700	4,900	5,000	4,800
Trade	9,500	9,300	10,100	17,800	17,300	17,500	27,300	26,700	26,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,500	1,500	2,800	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,100
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	5,000	11,300	11,300	11,200	17,600	17,700	16,900
Government	6,900	6,800	6,600	7,900	7,900	7,600	21,300	21,300	20,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	80,500	79,400	79,300	56,000	54,800	51,500	57,900	57,100	55,900
Manufacturing	10,000	9,700	9,000	4,400	4,000	4,200	6,000	6,000	6,700
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,700	13,100	13,100	13,400	8,300	8,300	7,900
Construction	5,800	5,800	5,800	4,100	4,100	4,200	5,700	5,600	5,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,600	3,200	3,200	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	25,800	25,100	26,100	12,600	12,100	11,000	16,100	15,500	15,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,200	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,200	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,800	9,900	9,600	8,000	9,100	9,100	8,200
Government	21,300	21,400	21,200	5,000	5,000	4,600	7,600	7,500	6,800
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENTON		
TOTAL	36,100	36,100	36,400	441,600	440,300	422,500	33,500	33,700	33,300
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,600	49,500	49,500	48,800	11,000	11,100	10,700
Mining	600	600	700	3,500	3,400	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,100	29,000	29,300	27,200	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700	19,300	19,400	18,400	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	9,100	8,900	9,200	116,700	115,500	109,400	7,000	7,000	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	30,100	30,000	28,900	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,200	94,900	95,000	90,900	5,800	5,800	5,800
Government	6,600	6,600	6,400	98,600	98,200	95,700	4,700	4,800	4,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,500	46,600	45,400	57,300	57,000	55,300	73,500	73,700	71,400
Manufacturing	8,400	8,500	8,400	11,000	11,000	10,900	15,000	15,200	14,300
Mining	200	200	200	3,200	3,200	3,500	--	--	--
Construction	2,200	2,400	2,000	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,800	3,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	11,400	11,100	11,100	15,400	15,100	14,400	18,200	18,200	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,500	4,500	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,300	11,400	11,400	11,000	16,800	16,900	16,000
Government	13,200	13,200	12,600	7,900	7,900	7,300	12,000	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	54,300	54,000	52,800						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	8,200						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200						
Trade	13,800	13,500	13,600						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,000						
Government	10,800	10,800	10,800						

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this gain was seasonal, as more goods were shipped and more people traveled during the Holidays. The other portions of this industry group, communications and public utilities, remained basically unchanged over the month.

Rising demand for apartments generated increases among real estate operators and lessors, resulting in a moderate rise in other finance, insurance and real estate. More business also pushed employment up somewhat in banking, for a total increase in finance, insurance and real estate between November and December.

Inclement weather seriously affected employment in all sectors of construction in December, as much colder than usual temperatures hit Texas. The combination of bad weather and the continuing higher interest rates and tight money dropped employment in construction by 7,100 over the month; and this sector has lost 30,600 jobs between December 1982 and December 1983. In fact, construction employment accelerated during 1983 only in June, when activity is normally high.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Change From				
	Dec. 1983*	Nov. 1983**	Dec. 1982**	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,263,400	6,231,700	6,219,700	31,700	43,700
Manufacturing	1,016,100	1,010,800	1,005,900	5,300	10,200
Durable Goods	589,800	585,900	583,100	3,900	6,700
Lumber & Wood Products	40,100	40,200	37,700	- 100	2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,900	7,600	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,500	16,400	15,700	100	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,200	49,500	44,700	- 300	4,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,600	23,600	21,200	0	2,400
Primary Metal Industries	39,300	39,100	37,600	200	1,700
Fabricated Metal Products	85,100	85,400	87,100	- 300	- 2,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,700	45,300	45,300	- 600	- 600
Machinery, Except Electrical	141,500	139,700	149,100	1,800	- 7,600
Oil Field Machinery	45,200	44,700	50,800	500	- 5,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	103,500	101,300	99,100	2,200	4,400
Transportation Equipment	78,100	77,800	75,000	300	3,100
Aircraft & Parts	39,100	39,000	39,100	100	0
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	22,800	23,700	100	- 800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,600	13,700	13,400	- 100	200
Nondurable Goods	426,300	424,900	422,800	1,400	3,500
Food & Kindred Products	100,300	98,900	98,300	1,400	2,000
Meat Products	26,500	27,000	26,700	- 500	- 200
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Bakery Products	13,200	12,500	11,200	700	2,000
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,300	5,500	100	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,300	66,300	63,600	0	2,700
Paper & Allied Products	22,100	21,800	22,000	300	100
Printing & Publishing	69,100	69,000	67,300	100	1,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,400	35,400	34,700	0	700
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,300	79,700	81,400	- 400	- 2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,100	43,100	44,400	0	- 1,300
Petroleum Refining	40,300	40,300	41,700	0	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,000	9,000	9,300	0	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	31,700	31,800	31,000	- 100	700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,247,300	5,220,900	5,213,800	26,400	33,500
Mining	292,700	291,200	297,800	1,500	- 5,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	283,500	282,000	288,300	1,500	- 4,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,200	9,200	9,500	0	- 300
Construction	378,500	385,600	409,100	- 7,100	- 30,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	385,600	384,200	377,900	1,400	7,700
Railroad Transportation	25,300	25,300	25,700	0	- 400
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,800	185,500	177,700	1,300	9,100
Transportation by Air	34,700	35,200	36,200	- 500	- 1,500
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	93,500	93,400	94,900	100	- 1,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,000	80,000	79,600	0	400
Electric Services	45,000	44,900	44,200	100	800
Gas Production & Distribution	29,600	29,700	30,400	- 100	- 800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,577,000	1,551,500	1,557,400	25,500	19,600
Wholesale Trade	430,800	429,500	433,500	1,300	- 2,700
Retail Trade	1,146,200	1,122,000	1,123,900	24,200	22,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,600	49,600	47,000	0	2,600
General Merchandise Stores	161,600	151,500	153,500	10,100	8,100
Food Stores	198,900	198,500	195,000	400	3,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	121,900	121,900	122,900	0	- 1,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	89,300	82,100	88,700	7,200	600
Other Retail Trade	524,900	518,400	516,800	6,500	- 8,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	376,000	375,400	368,200	600	7,800
Banking	100,400	100,200	100,600	200	- 200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,200	120,200	120,000	0	200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	155,400	155,000	147,600	400	7,800
Services	1,177,400	1,178,600	1,161,500	- 1,200	15,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	66,100	67,100	66,500	- 1,000	- 400
Personal Services	74,500	74,500	74,100	0	400
Business & Repair Services	315,300	315,100	311,100	200	4,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	44,500	44,100	46,500	400	- 2,000
Health Services	331,000	330,800	323,800	200	7,200
Educational Services	63,900	64,800	60,000	- 900	3,900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,100	282,200	279,500	- 100	2,600
Total Government	1,060,100	1,054,400	1,041,900	5,700	18,200
Total Federal Government	180,800	179,000	174,400	1,800	6,400
Total State Government	243,700	243,200	237,600	500	6,100
Total Local Government	635,600	632,200	629,900	3,400	5,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,000	80,400	77,900	102,900	101,300	98,000	317,900	313,000	306,700
Total Unemployment	4,600	3,900	3,500	6,500	5,600	5,500	12,600	11,400	13,600
Percent Unemployed	5.7	4.9	4.5	6.3	5.5	5.6	4.0	3.6	4.4
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	76,400	76,500	74,400	96,400	95,700	92,500	305,300	301,600	293,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	183,100	180,000	184,500	88,700	87,100	84,500	53,600	53,200	51,600
Total Unemployment	23,600	21,400	24,300	13,900	12,600	12,800	1,700	1,500	1,900
Percent Unemployed	12.9	11.9	13.2	15.7	14.5	15.1	3.2	2.8	3.7
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	159,500	158,600	160,200	74,800	74,500	71,700	51,900	51,700	49,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,600	170,100	165,400	1,819.2	1,805.0	1,730.2	198,400	195,600	192,800
Total Unemployment	17,000	16,300	13,600	81.8	80.7	90.8	22,400	20,500	22,000
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.6	8.2	4.5	4.5	5.2	11.3	10.5	11.4
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	154,600	153,800	151,800	1,737.4	1,724.3	1,639.4	176,000	175,100	170,800
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,300	91,900	91,300	1,806.4	1,794.0	1,779.9	75,100	74,400	70,700
Total Unemployment	9,600	9,100	11,400	142.1	138.1	141.0	3,800	3,700	4,000
Percent Unemployed	10.4	9.9	12.5	7.9	7.7	7.9	5.1	5.0	5.7
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	82,700	82,800	79,900	1,664.3	1,655.9	1,638.9	71,300	70,700	66,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,000	39,200	41,300	81,200	79,800	80,400	113,400	113,400	108,000
Total Unemployment	8,800	8,300	9,800	8,500	7,600	9,200	7,900	7,800	4,800
Percent Unemployed	22.0	21.2	23.7	10.5	9.5	11.4	7.0	6.9	4.4
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	31,200	30,900	31,500	72,700	72,200	71,200	105,500	105,600	103,200
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	121,900	116,600	116,400	70,400	69,300	63,600	75,500	74,700	71,500
Total Unemployment	23,500	21,400	21,300	3,500	3,600	2,900	5,200	5,600	4,800
Percent Unemployed	19.3	18.4	18.3	5.0	5.2	4.6	6.9	7.5	6.7
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	98,400	95,200	95,100	66,900	65,700	60,700	70,300	69,100	66,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,700	48,100	47,300	507,100	502,600	475,900	39,800	39,500	40,000
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,400	2,200	28,400	26,800	27,000	2,800	2,600	3,900
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	4.7	5.6	5.3	5.7	7.0	6.6	9.8
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	46,000	45,700	45,100	478,700	475,800	448,900	37,000	36,900	36,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,000	52,200	51,400	78,500	76,000	73,900	41,000	40,700	40,900
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,800	4,900	6,000	4,300	4,600	3,300	3,300	3,700
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.2	9.5	7.6	5.7	6.2	8.0	8.1	9.0
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	47,300	47,400	46,500	72,500	71,700	69,300	37,700	37,400	37,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	89,000	88,300	85,300	69,000	68,200	66,900	7,741.0	7,673.3	7,495.4
Total Unemployment	4,900	4,400	5,600	3,900	3,700	4,800	549.2	521.5	556.9
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	6.6	5.7	5.4	7.2	7.1	6.8	7.4
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	84,100	83,900	79,700	65,100	64,500	62,100	7,191.8	7,151.8	6,938.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3 In thousands.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.± 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec.± 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec.± 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$373.69	\$373.50	\$359.16	41.8	41.5	41.0	\$ 8.94	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.76
Durable Goods	369.46	368.87	359.57	41.7	41.4	41.0	8.86	8.91	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	239.01	243.20	237.19	38.8	39.1	39.4	6.16	6.22	6.02
Furniture & Fixtures	230.62	235.01	232.76	38.5	39.3	38.6	5.99	5.98	6.03
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	361.09	362.71	336.26	43.4	43.7	43.5	8.32	8.30	7.73
Primary Metal Industries	398.16	395.21	403.10	40.3	39.6	38.1	9.88	9.98	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	376.47	365.72	355.02	42.3	41.0	39.8	8.90	8.92	8.92
Machinery, Exc. Electric	378.81	366.13	369.46	42.9	41.7	41.7	8.83	8.78	8.86
Oil Field Machinery	467.95	436.96	476.67	45.3	42.3	44.3	10.33	10.33	10.76
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	352.63	377.15	346.00	40.3	41.4	40.0	8.75	9.11	8.65
Transportation Equipment	499.90	500.07	499.40	42.8	42.2	44.0	11.68	11.85	11.35
Aircraft & Parts	504.11	522.44	502.85	41.8	42.2	43.2	12.06	12.38	11.64
Instr. & Related Products	326.40	323.58	311.62	40.8	40.6	39.9	8.00	7.97	7.81
Misc. Mfg. Industries	309.31	309.87	266.90	42.9	42.8	40.5	7.21	7.24	6.59
Nondurable Goods	380.94	380.30	357.06	42.0	41.7	40.9	9.07	9.12	8.73
Food & Kindred Products	317.05	326.66	305.95	42.5	42.7	42.2	7.46	7.65	7.25
Meat Products	288.65	287.37	261.87	42.7	42.7	40.6	6.76	6.73	6.45
Malt Beverages	545.30	647.96	626.84	38.0	43.9	43.5	14.35	14.76	14.41
Textile Mill Products	258.54	263.55	271.49	41.7	42.1	44.8	6.20	6.26	6.06
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	189.14	184.46	172.06	38.6	37.8	36.3	4.90	4.88	4.74
Paper & Allied Products	414.92	425.93	413.71	44.0	44.6	44.2	9.43	9.55	9.36
Printing & Publishing	362.50	350.99	322.62	42.2	41.1	39.2	8.59	8.54	8.23
Chemicals & Allied Products	597.06	599.09	549.44	42.8	43.1	42.2	13.95	13.90	13.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	643.68	609.43	568.38	44.7	43.1	42.8	14.40	14.14	13.28
Petroleum Refining	673.95	635.29	589.58	44.9	43.1	42.6	15.01	14.74	13.84
Leather & Leather Products	215.60	212.37	188.05	38.5	39.4	38.3	5.60	5.39	4.91
Other Nondurable Goods	359.39	379.31	361.40	43.3	43.3	43.7	8.30	8.76	8.27
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	476.84	485.76	465.23	44.9	46.0	45.3	10.62	10.56	10.27
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.98	488.98	467.17	44.9	46.0	45.4	10.69	10.53	10.29
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	373.15	373.69	415.15	43.9	44.7	43.7	8.50	8.36	9.50
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	415.64	432.45	390.53	38.7	39.1	38.4	10.74	11.06	10.17
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.54	427.14	407.38	42.3	42.0	41.4	10.32	10.17	9.84
Wholesale & Retail Trade	235.58	234.60	228.01	34.9	34.5	34.6	6.75	6.80	6.59
Wholesale Trade	361.34	359.39	342.54	40.6	40.2	39.6	8.90	8.94	8.65
Retail Trade	188.03	186.69	184.43	32.7	32.3	32.7	5.75	5.78	5.64
General Mdse. Stores	168.33	163.10	172.92	31.0	29.6	33.0	5.43	5.51	5.24
Banking	235.48	232.04	231.42	37.2	36.6	38.0	6.33	6.34	6.09

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	370.60	370.12	353.33	41.5	41.4	40.8	8.93	8.94	8.66
Durable Goods	392.50	388.75	372.91	41.8	41.4	40.8	9.39	9.39	9.14
Nondurable Goods	321.88	326.30	312.07	40.9	41.2	40.9	7.87	7.92	7.63
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	480.25	438.96	438.90	44.1	42.7	42.0	10.89	10.28	10.45
Durable Goods	432.99	411.28	403.19	44.5	42.4	41.1	9.73	9.70	9.81
Nondurable Goods	556.34	481.60	499.10	43.6	43.0	43.4	12.76	11.20	11.50
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	279.89	282.49	263.74	41.1	41.3	40.7	6.81	6.84	6.48
Durable Goods	294.03	301.76	280.44	40.5	41.0	41.0	7.26	7.36	6.84
Nondurable Goods	266.46	263.96	247.65	41.7	41.7	40.4	6.39	6.33	6.13

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Services dropped 1,200 jobs from November to December, with much of the loss centered in hotels and other lodging places. The other decrease occurred in educational services, as some schools closed for the Holidays. Small gains in amusement, including motion pictures, and in health services were not sufficient to offset the larger declines.

Manufacturing continued its upward trend for the fifth consecutive month, adding 5,300 new jobs over the month. More than two-thirds of the gain in December was concentrated in durable goods, which rose by 3,900. The most impressive monthly increase occurred in electric and electronic equipment, which increased by 2,200 jobs as business improved. Another sizeable advance was registered in nonelectrical machinery, where the oil field machinery sector posted increases and cold weather generated demand for heating equipment, for a total growth of 1,800.

Elsewhere in durable goods, furniture and fixtures posted a minimal gain, as did primary metal industries, transportation equipment, and instruments and related products. Scattered decreases occurred in fabricated metal products. Further losses were sustained in industries related to construction, as stone, clay and glass products dropped 300 jobs over the month and lumber and wood products lost 100.

Nondurable goods contributed 1,400 additional jobs, with the majority of the growth occurring in food and kindred products. This segment was boosted not only by Holiday increases in bakery products but also by seasonal advances in preserved fruits and vegetables. The Holidays also generated increased business in paper and allied products, as demand for greeting cards and wrapping paper peaked. More modest gains were reported in textile mill products and in printing and publishing. Chemicals recorded the largest downturn among nondurable goods sectors, dropping 400 jobs over the month. There were 723,400 manufacturing production workers in December 1983 compared to 719,700 in November and 722,500 a year earlier.

HOURS UP, EARNINGS DECLINE

The average manufacturing production worker in Texas was working 41.8 hours per week at \$8.94 per week and averaging \$373.69 per week in December. Weekly earnings rose by 19¢ despite a 6¢ drop in average hourly earnings over the month, as the number of hours worked rose by 0.3 hour. Compared to a year earlier, the December 1983 hours were up 0.8 hour and average hourly earnings had risen by 18¢, bringing the average weekly earnings figure up by \$14.53 over the year.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1982
Total Population	16,067,100	15,511,500
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	3.0
UI Covered Employers	295,468	287,807
Total Claims Actions	577,158	959,656
Total Initial Claims Actions	72,564	92,734
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	504,594	866,922
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$135.35	\$130.70
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$61,885,658	\$104,004,234
Total Placements	30,577	28,838

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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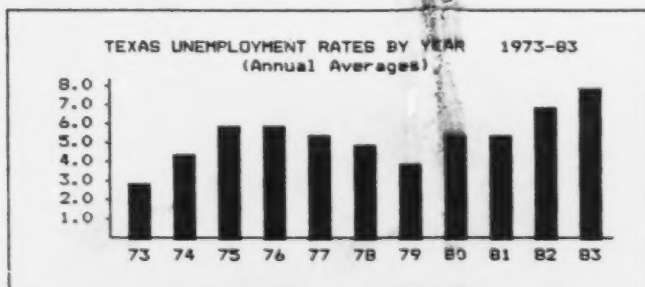
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ESTIMATES REVISED

The civilian labor force estimates and the nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates published in this issue for 1983 have been revised and are not comparable to those previously published for 1983. Similar estimates for 1982 are also being revised for both labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

The revised estimates utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates. Tabulations of revised data may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, Economic Research and Analysis Department, TEC Building, Austin, Texas 78778.



recorded in February, at 8.8 percent. The average for 1983 was 8.0 percent, the highest since the current series began in 1970.

EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The normal post-Holiday slump pushed total employment in Texas down by 112,900 between December 1983 and January 1984. The loss of many Christmas jobs contributed to this decrease, along with losses related to curtailed outdoor activities and the

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	111,025.0	111,795.0	109,779.0
Unemployment	9,755.0	8,992.0	12,517.0
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.0	11.4
Total Employment	101,270.0	102,803.0	97,262.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,215.0	112,136.0	110,677.0
Unemployment	9,026.0	9,195.0	11,523.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	8.2	10.4
Total Employment	103,189.0	102,941.0	99,154.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,634.7	7,730.7	7,600.0
Unemployment	555.8	548.4	646.6
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.1	8.5
Total Employment	7,078.9	7,182.3	6,953.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,648.0	7,743.0	7,612.0
Unemployment	530.0	597.0	621.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.7	8.2
Total Employment	7,118.0	7,146.0	6,991.0

The chart on the left shows annual average unemployment rates in Texas for 1973-1983. During this period, the unemployment rate remained between four and six percent until 1982. The rate hit unprecedented heights during 1982, with a high of 8.0 percent in September, as the effects of the National recession and the excess of oil and gas brought employment growth in many sectors to a standstill. Layoffs continued into 1983, when the highest rate was

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83*	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**
ABILENE									
TOTAL	57,500	57,700	59,000	77,800	79,100	76,300	289,500	291,300	277,100
Manufacturing	5,800	5,700	7,500	9,400	9,500	9,700	34,300	34,200	33,000
Mining	4,200	4,200	4,800	2,000	2,000	2,100	800	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,700	3,600	3,700	3,700	18,600	18,400	15,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	8,100	8,100	8,000
Trade	14,900	15,500	15,000	23,400	24,200	22,800	65,900	66,800	62,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,300	4,000	18,300	18,200	17,700
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,400	13,200	14,500	14,500	14,400	57,800	58,100	55,000
Government	9,600	9,500	9,500	14,100	14,400	13,100	85,700	86,700	84,200
AMARILLO									
TOTAL	138,700	141,300	142,400	62,800	63,500	61,400	44,000	46,300	43,600
Manufacturing	31,400	31,900	33,300	10,800	10,900	10,700	3,100	3,000	2,900
Mining	2,500	2,600	2,700	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,200	9,800	10,300	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,600	12,200	3,100	3,200	3,200	1,700	1,800	1,600
Trade	32,800	33,800	32,800	17,000	17,600	16,900	10,000	10,300	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,500	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	25,700	26,000	25,500	11,200	11,100	10,400	6,400	6,500	6,400
Government	20,000	20,100	20,000	14,100	14,000	13,600	16,600	18,500	16,900
AUSTIN									
TOTAL	126,700	127,700	131,700	1,607.7	1,621.7	1,533.1	164,800	165,600	162,400
Manufacturing	14,000	14,100	14,000	312.8	312.3	301.9	35,900	36,200	34,200
Mining	7,300	7,200	8,000	28.4	28.4	30.1	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,600	14,100	97.8	98.8	88.0	8,800	8,600	7,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,600	7,800	97.7	98.2	95.1	9,600	9,700	10,100
Trade	31,800	32,300	31,800	434.9	445.4	415.4	40,200	40,900	40,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,500	6,300	130.9	130.7	122.4	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,700	23,400	318.4	318.5	298.2	28,000	27,900	28,300
Government	26,600	26,700	26,300	186.8	189.4	182.0	34,500	34,500	33,900
BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO									
TOTAL	67,800	68,900	66,500	1,502.0	1,512.9	1,516.1	61,100	61,600	58,700
Manufacturing	10,200	10,400	10,900	195.3	196.6	210.6	8,600	8,700	7,800
Mining	800	700	700	98.3	99.0	100.9	--	--	--
Construction	4,100	4,300	3,700	131.7	133.3	139.1	3,700	3,600	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,800	6,100	5,800	102.7	103.5	105.3	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	12,300	12,800	12,600	367.8	373.7	371.3	14,400	14,900	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	105.0	105.2	103.0	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,200	10,200	10,000	318.6	318.8	306.2	11,000	11,100	10,900
Government	19,900	19,900	18,300	182.6	182.8	179.7	18,000	17,900	17,900
BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION									
TOTAL	138,700	141,300	142,400	62,800	63,500	61,400	44,000	46,300	43,600
Manufacturing	31,400	31,900	33,300	10,800	10,900	10,700	3,100	3,000	2,900
Mining	2,500	2,600	2,700	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,200	9,800	10,300	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,600	12,200	3,100	3,200	3,200	1,700	1,800	1,600
Trade	32,800	33,800	32,800	17,000	17,600	16,900	10,000	10,300	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,500	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	25,700	26,000	25,500	11,200	11,100	10,400	6,400	6,500	6,400
Government	20,000	20,100	20,000	14,100	14,000	13,600	16,600	18,500	16,900
EL PASO									
TOTAL	126,700	127,700	131,700	1,607.7	1,621.7	1,533.1	164,800	165,600	162,400
Manufacturing	14,000	14,100	14,000	312.8	312.3	301.9	35,900	36,200	34,200
Mining	7,300	7,200	8,000	28.4	28.4	30.1	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,600	14,100	97.8	98.8	88.0	8,800	8,600	7,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,600	7,800	97.7	98.2	95.1	9,600	9,700	10,100
Trade	31,800	32,300	31,800	434.9	445.4	415.4	40,200	40,900	40,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,500	6,300	130.9	130.7	122.4	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,700	23,400	318.4	318.5	298.2	28,000	27,900	28,300
Government	26,600	26,700	26,300	186.8	189.4	182.0	34,500	34,500	33,900
HOUSTON 2/									
TOTAL	67,800	68,900	66,500	1,502.0	1,512.9	1,516.1	61,100	61,600	58,700
Manufacturing	10,200	10,400	10,900	195.3	196.6	210.6	8,600	8,700	7,800
Mining	800	700	700	98.3	99.0	100.9	--	--	--
Construction	4,100	4,300	3,700	131.7	133.3	139.1	3,700	3,600	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,800	6,100	5,800	102.7	103.5	105.3	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	12,300	12,800	12,600	367.8	373.7	371.3	14,400	14,900	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	105.0	105.2	103.0	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,200	10,200	10,000	318.6	318.8	306.2	11,000	11,100	10,900
Government	19,900	19,900	18,300	182.6	182.8	179.7	18,000	17,900	17,900
KILLEEN-TEMPLE									
TOTAL	126,700	127,700	131,700	1,607.7	1,621.7	1,533.1	164,800	165,600	162,400
Manufacturing	14,000	14,100	14,000	312.8	312.3	301.9	35,900	36,200	34,200
Mining	7,300	7,200	8,000	28.4	28.4	30.1	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,600	14,100	97.8	98.8	88.0	8,800	8,600	7,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,600	7,800	97.7	98.2	95.1	9,600	9,700	10,100
Trade	31,800	32,300	31,800	434.9	445.4	415.4	40,200	40,900	40,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,500	6,300	130.9	130.7	122.4	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,700	23,400	318.4	318.5	298.2	28,000	27,900	28,300
Government	26,600	26,700	26,300	186.8	189.4	182.0	34,500	34,500	33,900

2/ In Thousands

December freeze in Texas. While employment declined sharply, unemployment in the actual series rose only moderately over the month. The unemployment rate increased from 7.1 percent in December to 7.3 percent in January. The disparity between the large loss in employment and the much smaller rise in unemployment occurred as many of those released from Christmas jobs withdrew from the labor market rather than seek work elsewhere.

Unemployment was down substantially over the month in the seasonally adjusted series, with 70,000 fewer jobless in January. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 7.7 percent in December to 6.9 percent in January. Total employment declined by 55,000 in the adjusted series, or about half the amount shown in the actual series. Nationally, the unemployment rate was up considerably in the actual series, as the rate rose from 8.0 percent in December to 8.8 percent in January. The seasonally adjusted U. S. rate showed a small decrease, from 8.2 percent to 8.0 percent in January.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DROPS

The number of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas took its biggest drop in a year in January 1984, as 58,200 jobs were lost over the month. Over half of these losses -- 63 percent -- were concentrated in retail trade, bringing this sector back down to

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,000	30,100	30,300	67,100	67,700	67,000	90,100	91,800	90,800
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,900	14,500	14,600	15,200	9,400	9,700	13,000
Mining	1,200	1,100	1,400	4,900	4,900	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,300	1,400	1,300	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,000	4,100	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,600	4,800	4,900	4,700
Trade	8,900	9,000	9,300	17,200	17,600	16,900	26,700	27,000	25,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,300	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,300	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	4,800	11,000	11,100	10,800	18,900	19,000	18,000
Government	7,300	7,300	7,000	8,300	8,300	7,900	20,500	21,400	19,900
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	76,700	80,800	79,600	54,400	54,000	51,100	57,100	56,800	56,500
Manufacturing	9,400	10,800	10,600	3,900	3,800	3,600	6,100	6,100	6,600
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,500	12,100	12,300	12,900	8,700	8,900	8,900
Construction	5,200	5,300	5,100	3,500	3,500	3,700	4,400	4,600	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,700	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,000	2,900	3,000
Trade	23,400	26,300	25,900	13,500	13,200	11,600	16,700	16,500	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,000	3,900	3,800	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,100	10,800	9,100	9,100	8,000	8,800	8,400	7,700
Government	20,000	20,000	20,000	5,500	5,400	5,000	7,100	7,100	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,900	37,500	37,700	442,800	444,900	423,400	34,300	34,600	33,600
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,900	49,400	49,600	48,500	11,400	11,400	10,900
Mining	800	800	1,100	3,500	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,500	30,600	31,200	28,600	1,300	1,300	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,500	18,400	17,300	2,100	2,200	2,100
Trade	8,900	9,200	9,000	113,200	115,200	107,200	6,800	7,100	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,600	1,500	32,000	32,000	30,300	1,300	1,300	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,500	7,400	95,500	95,000	90,200	6,300	6,300	6,200
Government	6,700	6,800	6,500	100,100	100,000	98,000	4,900	4,800	4,700
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,600	46,200	44,600	57,700	58,100	57,300	74,400	75,500	70,800
Manufacturing	8,400	8,600	8,400	11,900	11,800	11,700	15,600	15,500	14,500
Mining	100	100	100	3,100	3,100	3,500	--	--	--
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,800	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,800	3,900	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,700	11,000	10,000	14,500	14,900	14,700	18,800	19,300	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,100	3,200	3,100	4,500	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,300	7,800	11,700	11,700	11,300	16,900	17,300	16,200
Government	12,800	12,800	12,800	8,000	8,100	7,600	11,600	11,700	11,200
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,400	53,800	51,600						
Manufacturing	3,100	9,100	8,300						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,200						
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,500	13,700	13,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	8,900						
Government	10,800	10,900	10,800						

the employment levels recorded for August 1983. This decline is not unexpected, as many retail jobs are created just for the Christmas season and most are deleted after the Holidays.

Continued declines in construction have pushed employment to its lowest point since mid-1979, as over 10,000 additional jobs were cut in January. High interest rates and tight money have hurt this industry badly in Texas, and the inclement weather experienced in late December and January curtailed building activities further.

Almost every sector of transportation and public utilities recorded decreases in January. The slump in travel following the Holidays adversely affected local and interurban passenger transit and air transportation; and poor weather was partly responsible for a decline in water transportation. Communication and utilities both reported layoffs due to less business. Employment in services dropped, as

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Change From				
	Jan. 1984*	Dec. 1983**	Jan. 1983**	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,223,700	6,281,900	6,115,700	- 58,200	108,000
Manufacturing	964,700	972,300	964,500	- 7,600	200
Durable Goods	552,800	554,800	553,800	- 2,000	- 1,000
Lumber & Wood Products	40,800	41,000	36,500	- 200	4,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,600	7,200	- 100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,300	15,500	100	1,900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,200	46,900	43,600	300	3,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,000	21,700	20,100	300	1,900
Primary Metal Industries	33,900	33,900	33,500	0	400
Fabricated Metal Products	79,600	80,000	81,200	- 400	- 1,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,200	43,900	43,400	- 700	- 200
Machinery, Except Electrical	129,500	130,700	141,100	- 1,200	- 11,600
Oil Field Machinery	40,900	41,500	50,700	- 600	- 9,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	97,800	98,500	96,800	- 700	1,000
Transportation Equipment	72,100	72,200	69,800	- 100	2,300
Aircraft & Parts	37,300	37,300	37,900	0	- 600
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,200	23,200	300	- 700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,000	12,100	12,600	- 100	- 600
Nondurable Goods	411,900	417,500	410,700	- 5,600	1,200
Food & Kindred Products	94,700	99,000	95,400	- 4,300	- 700
Meat Products	24,100	24,700	24,600	- 600	- 500
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
Bakery Products	12,500	12,800	10,700	- 300	1,800
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,200	0	200
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,200	60,900	59,500	- 700	700
Paper & Allied Products	22,000	22,100	21,400	- 100	600
Printing & Publishing	70,300	70,300	67,500	0	2,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,100	35,500	34,700	- 400	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,500	76,800	78,200	- 300	- 1,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,100	43,500	44,500	- 400	- 1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,800	40,300	41,400	- 500	- 1,600
Leather & Leather Products	8,600	8,600	9,000	0	- 400
Other Nondurable Goods	31,700	31,500	30,200	200	1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,259,000	5,309,600	5,151,200	- 50,600	107,800
Mining	264,900	263,600	273,400	1,300	- 3,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	255,000	253,900	263,700	1,100	- 8,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,900	9,700	9,700	200	200
Construction	403,400	413,600	411,200	- 10,200	- 7,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	373,300	377,200	368,000	- 3,900	5,300
Railroad Transportation	23,800	24,800	24,200	- 1,000	- 400
Transportation, Except Railroads	175,500	176,800	168,400	- 1,300	7,100
Transportation by Air	35,000	35,200	35,200	- 200	- 200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,300	96,800	96,100	- 500	200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,700	78,800	79,300	- 1,100	- 1,600
Electric Services	43,500	44,000	44,000	- 500	- 500
Gas Production & Distribution	29,100	29,600	30,200	- 500	- 1,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,567,800	1,604,800	1,530,100	- 37,000	37,700
Wholesale Trade	436,400	436,500	434,400	- 100	2,000
Retail Trade	1,131,400	1,168,300	1,095,700	- 36,900	35,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	51,900	52,600	46,800	- 700	5,100
General Merchandise Stores	149,000	161,800	148,200	- 12,800	800
Food Stores	202,400	204,800	194,600	- 2,400	7,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,100	131,000	126,900	100	4,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,500	86,000	78,400	- 7,500	100
Other Retail Trade	518,500	532,100	500,800	- 13,600	17,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	397,600	397,700	380,400	- 100	17,200
Banking	102,700	102,600	102,000	100	700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	122,800	122,800	121,400	0	1,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	172,100	172,300	157,000	- 200	15,100
Services	1,192,300	1,194,900	1,149,100	- 2,600	43,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	74,200	75,200	70,700	- 1,000	3,500
Personal Services	72,700	72,500	71,700	200	1,000
Business & Repair Services	314,800	313,700	297,500	1,100	17,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,500	50,600	43,000	- 1,100	6,500
Health Services	341,600	340,100	339,700	1,500	1,900
Educational Services	60,900	63,800	56,100	- 2,900	4,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	278,600	279,000	270,400	- 400	8,200
Total Government	1,059,700	1,057,800	1,039,000	1,900	20,700
Total Federal Government	177,200	178,600	171,800	- 1,400	5,400
Total State Government	215,400	221,100	220,700	- 5,700	- 5,300
Total Local Government	667,100	658,100	646,500	9,000	20,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,900	77,900	77,900	98,400	101,400	96,600	331,200	335,300	319,700
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,400	4,000	5,500	6,400	5,700	13,100	14,000	15,500
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.6	6.3	5.9	4.0	4.2	4.8
Total Employment 2/	72,800	73,500	73,900	92,900	95,000	90,900	318,100	321,300	304,200
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,800	179,900	185,100	91,600	93,300	92,500	53,700	55,800	53,300
Total Unemployment	22,500	23,200	27,700	14,600	13,800	15,500	2,600	2,200	2,600
Percent Unemployed	12.8	12.9	15.0	15.9	14.8	16.8	4.8	3.9	4.9
Total Employment 2/	153,300	156,700	157,400	77,000	79,500	77,000	51,100	53,600	50,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,900	165,000	168,900	1,821.6	1,841.3	1,763.2	195,500	198,800	198,100
Total Unemployment	16,300	16,800	16,100	83.8	81.6	105.2	21,600	22,800	26,600
Percent Unemployed	10.0	10.2	9.5	4.6	4.4	6.0	11.0	11.5	13.4
Total Employment 2/	146,600	148,200	152,800	1,737.8	1,759.7	1,658.0	173,900	176,000	171,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	89,900	91,700	91,900	1,743.9	1,763.1	1,779.4	74,200	74,700	71,400
Total Unemployment	9,600	9,500	12,800	139.3	140.5	163.8	4,600	4,300	5,100
Percent Unemployed	10.7	10.4	13.9	8.0	8.0	9.2	6.2	5.8	7.1
Total Employment 2/	80,300	82,200	79,100	1,604.6	1,622.6	1,615.6	69,600	70,400	66,300
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,100	39,900	43,400	79,500	80,500	81,300	112,400	115,300	111,900
Total Unemployment	9,100	8,700	11,800	8,000	8,400	10,100	8,200	8,500	6,800
Percent Unemployed	22.7	21.8	27.2	10.1	10.4	12.4	7.3	7.4	6.1
Total Employment 2/	31,000	31,200	31,600	71,500	72,100	71,200	104,200	106,800	105,100
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	117,000	122,500	121,200	68,200	68,300	64,700	74,300	74,600	74,200
Total Unemployment	29,400	22,800	24,100	3,400	3,400	3,600	5,000	5,200	6,000
Percent Unemployed	25.1	18.6	19.9	5.0	5.0	5.6	6.7	7.0	8.1
Total Employment 2/	87,600	99,700	97,100	64,800	64,900	61,100	69,300	69,400	68,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,700	51,000	50,100	511,200	515,200	492,300	40,000	40,500	40,800
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,900	2,600	30,600	29,300	33,400	2,700	2,800	4,000
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.7	6.8	6.8	6.9	9.8
Total Employment 2/	47,200	48,100	47,500	480,600	485,900	458,900	37,300	37,700	36,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,900	52,000	52,300	77,900	80,200	77,600	37,200	37,700	39,300
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,500	5,700	4,400	6,000	5,500	3,000	3,200	4,100
Percent Unemployed	9.6	8.7	10.9	5.6	7.5	7.1	8.1	8.5	10.4
Total Employment 2/	46,900	47,500	46,600	73,500	74,200	72,100	34,200	34,500	35,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	90,500	92,400	87,800	69,000	69,000	67,400	7,634.7	7,730.7	7,600.0
Total Unemployment	4,800	5,100	6,000	4,800	4,100	5,500	555.8	548.4	646.6
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.5	6.8	7.0	5.9	8.2	7.3	7.1	8.5
Total Employment 2/	85,700	87,300	81,800	64,200	64,900	61,900	7,078.9	7,182.3	6,953.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3 In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. ± 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. ± 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. ± 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$377.45	\$379.61	\$351.42	41.8	41.9	40.3	\$ 9.03	\$ 9.06	\$ 8.72
Durable Goods	366.08	369.51	350.95	41.6	41.8	40.2	8.80	8.84	8.73
Lumber & Wood Products	241.96	254.70	246.98	39.6	40.3	39.9	6.11	6.32	6.19
Furniture & Fixtures	224.23	226.01	229.14	38.2	38.9	38.0	5.87	5.81	6.03
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	347.28	361.12	336.78	42.3	43.3	43.4	8.21	8.34	7.76
Primary Metal Industries	406.02	391.25	420.71	40.4	39.6	37.8	10.05	9.88	11.13
Fabricated Metal Products	359.92	365.56	348.79	40.9	41.4	39.5	8.80	8.83	8.83
Machinery, Exc. Electric	381.44	374.50	349.34	43.1	42.8	40.2	8.85	8.75	8.69
Oil Field Machinery	491.73	471.59	438.95	45.7	44.7	41.1	10.76	10.55	10.68
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	369.15	371.28	350.24	40.7	40.4	39.8	9.07	9.19	8.80
Transportation Equipment	506.44	518.87	474.33	44.0	44.5	42.2	11.51	11.66	11.24
Instr. & Related Products	309.28	315.87	295.67	39.6	40.6	38.2	7.81	7.78	7.74
Misc. Mfg. Industries	286.44	293.45	268.93	40.4	41.1	39.9	7.09	7.14	6.74
Nondurable Goods	392.37	392.70	352.29	42.1	42.0	40.4	9.32	9.35	8.72
Food & Kindred Products	345.39	344.00	309.75	43.5	43.6	42.2	7.94	7.89	7.34
Meat Products	295.85	291.06	289.33	43.7	42.0	42.8	6.77	6.93	6.76
Malt Beverages	666.39	656.42	585.40	43.3	43.5	41.4	15.39	15.09	14.14
Textile Mill Products	279.42	270.26	267.78	42.4	41.9	43.4	6.59	6.45	6.17
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	189.91	183.38	175.64	38.6	37.5	36.9	4.92	4.89	4.76
Paper & Allied Products	441.01	436.69	394.62	45.7	45.3	42.8	9.65	9.64	9.22
Printing & Publishing	343.08	352.51	321.40	39.8	40.8	39.1	8.62	8.64	8.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	606.61	602.62	506.06	42.9	42.8	40.1	14.14	14.08	12.62
Petroleum & Coal Products	626.76	655.79	581.94	44.2	44.4	42.2	14.18	14.77	13.79
Petroleum Refining	640.33	671.77	595.02	44.1	44.4	42.2	14.52	15.13	14.10
Leather & Leather Products	201.45	202.84	181.91	37.1	35.9	37.2	5.43	5.65	4.89
Other Nondurable Goods	378.84	370.96	345.10	44.0	43.9	42.5	8.61	8.45	8.12
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	511.68	478.58	469.73	48.0	46.6	46.6	10.66	10.27	10.08
Oil & Gas Extraction	517.56	483.81	471.59	48.1	46.7	46.6	10.76	10.36	10.12
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	383.18	375.54	415.84	46.0	45.3	45.2	8.33	8.29	9.20
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	425.41	428.68	385.00	39.1	38.9	38.5	10.88	11.02	10.00
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	448.14	433.63	411.42	42.0	42.1	41.6	10.67	10.30	9.89
Wholesale & Retail Trade	221.68	238.92	226.12	34.0	35.5	33.8	6.52	6.73	6.69
Wholesale Trade	364.75	362.60	354.12	40.8	40.2	39.7	8.94	9.02	8.92
Retail Trade	189.22	195.36	179.42	32.4	33.8	31.7	5.84	5.78	5.66
General Mdse. Stores	157.30	192.65	162.16	28.6	34.9	29.7	5.50	5.52	5.46
Banking	262.06	255.50	240.24	41.4	40.3	38.5	6.33	6.34	6.24

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$375.06	\$373.69	\$347.60	42.0	41.8	40.0	\$ 8.93	\$ 8.94	\$ 8.69
Durable Goods	390.69	391.02	365.20	42.1	42.0	40.0	9.28	9.31	9.13
Nondurable Goods	342.72	336.17	310.37	42.0	41.4	40.1	8.16	8.12	7.74
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	468.07	473.49	430.11	43.1	43.4	40.5	10.86	10.91	10.62
Durable Goods	415.34	410.22	383.50	43.4	43.0	39.7	9.57	9.54	9.66
Nondurable Goods	534.57	554.46	493.31	42.8	43.9	41.7	12.49	12.63	11.83
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.94	273.98	265.43	40.2	41.2	40.4	6.69	6.65	6.57
Durable Goods	281.60	293.76	283.72	40.0	41.2	41.0	7.04	7.13	6.92
Nondurable Goods	255.50	254.82	246.93	40.3	41.3	39.7	6.34	6.17	6.22

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

increases in business and repair services and in health services were not sufficient to overcome seasonal losses in amusement, including motion pictures, and hotels and other lodging places. The largest decrease in services occurred in educational services, where the closing of private schools and colleges between semesters pushed employment down. Finance, insurance and real estate employment remained virtually unchanged over the month.

Two nonmanufacturing sectors -- mining and government -- registered employment growth in January. Demand continued high for oil and gas, boosting the number of jobs in mining by 1,300. Newly-funded programs and temporary hires generated sizeable gains in the local sector which helped boost employment in government, along with the commencement of the school term following the Holidays. Declines in the state sector due to the semester break at state universities and a smaller decrease in the federal segment were not enough to nullify the growth experienced at the local level.

Seasonal cutbacks and the effects of bad weather combined to drop employment in manufacturing by 7,600 over the month. The largest declines were in the food and kindred products portion of nondurable goods. This sector reported some expected losses following the end of the Holiday season. The most severe cutbacks, however, were in preserved fruits and vegetables, as workers were laid off after the remnants of the citrus harvest damaged by the hard December freeze were juiced. Smaller declines occurred throughout the nondurable goods segments.

Durable goods industries also registered decreases from December to January. Nonelectrical machinery showed the largest drop, as several large employers reported temporary layoffs. Layoffs also plagued the communication equipment sector of electric and electronic equipment. The only segments which showed upturns in employment were stone, clay and glass products and instruments and related products. The number of manufacturing production workers dropped slightly from 654,200 in December to 649,100 in January.

HOURS, EARNINGS DROP

The average manufacturing production worker was earning \$9.03 per hour for an average work week of 41.8 hours and averaging \$377.45 per week in January 1984. Hourly earnings dropped 3¢ over the month, and hours worked declined by 0.1 hour, pushing weekly earnings down by \$2.16. Weekly earnings were up \$26.03 from the year-ago figure, as average hours worked rose by 1.5 hours.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1983
Total Population	16,104,200	15,557,800
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	3.1
UI Covered Employers	296,013	288,025
Total Claims Actions	609,291	878,549
Total Initial Claims Actions	87,125	93,425
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	522,166	785,124
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$134.07	\$131.77
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$58,800,760	\$94,111,608
Total Placements	33,890	28,646

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The Texas economic outlook brightened considerably in February, as unemployment dropped by 105,700 from the January level. The decrease put total unemployment at 450,100, or 5.9 percent, in the actual series -- the lowest rate recorded since April 1982. That was the last month before the National recession and the decrease in demand for domestic oil began impacting on the State. Total employment climbed by 96,300 between January and February, to a level of 7,175,200 at mid-February. The rise in employment and corresponding drop in unemployment is the result of increasing diversification and growth in several sectors of the State's economy.

The seasonally adjusted series followed the same pattern as the actual, with large employment gains and even larger decreases in unemployment over the month. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 6.9 percent in January to 5.7 percent in February. This was also the lowest rate recorded in the seasonally adjusted series for about two years. The National seasonally adjusted rate slid from 8.0 percent to 7.8 percent over the month. The actual U. S. rate also declined from 8.8 percent to 8.4 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY JOBS INCREASE

The number of salaried nonfarm jobs in Texas showed more expansion between January and February 1984 than in any year since 1981, with growth fairly evenly spread among the major industry sectors. Two industries -- trade and construction -- were the exceptions to the widespread growth in February.

Seasonal declines pushed employment down in the retail portion of trade, as general merchandise stores lost 7,900 jobs and apparel and accessory stores dropped 1,700 positions. Many of these were jobs created for the Christmas rush and held over to help with inventory. Inclement weather further depressed the construction industry

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	111,368.0	111,025.0	109,647.0
Unemployment	9,407.0	9,755.0	12,382.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.8	11.3
Total Employment	101,961.0	101,270.0	97,265.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,693.0	112,215.0	110,688.0
Unemployment	8,801.0	9,026.0	11,516.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.0	10.4
Total Employment	103,892.0	103,189.0	99,172.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,625.3	7,634.7	7,551.9
Unemployment	450.1	555.8	666.5
Percent Unemployed	5.9	7.3	8.8
Total Employment	7,175.2	7,078.9	6,885.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,632.0	7,648.0	7,561.0
Unemployment	433.0	530.0	652.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	6.9	8.6
Total Employment	7,199.0	7,118.0	6,909.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83*	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,600	57,500	57,700	77,800	77,800	76,100	294,000	290,200	281,000
Manufacturing	5,900	5,800	5,200	9,200	9,400	9,500	34,500	34,300	32,700
Mining	4,200	4,200	4,600	2,000	2,000	2,100	800	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,500	3,700	3,600	3,500	18,800	18,600	15,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,400	6,500	6,400	8,100	8,100	7,900
Trade	15,000	15,000	14,600	23,500	23,400	22,300	66,200	66,000	62,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,300	4,100	18,500	18,500	17,900
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,600	13,000	14,500	14,500	14,600	58,600	58,200	56,000
Government	9,600	9,500	9,500	14,200	14,100	13,600	88,500	85,700	87,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	140,000	138,500	142,400	63,000	62,600	61,300	46,300	44,200	45,400
Manufacturing	31,500	31,300	33,200	10,900	10,800	10,800	3,100	3,100	2,900
Mining	2,700	2,500	2,800	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,200	9,200	10,100	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,200	3,300	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,700	11,400	12,000	3,000	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,700	1,700
Trade	32,800	32,800	32,400	17,100	16,900	16,500	10,000	10,000	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,200	25,700	25,900	11,200	11,200	10,500	6,500	6,400	6,600
Government	20,300	20,000	20,400	14,200	14,000	13,600	18,700	16,700	18,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	127,300	126,500	131,100	1,614.2	1,606.3	1,537.4	164,900	164,100	163,000
Manufacturing	13,900	14,000	13,700	312.6	312.7	301.5	36,500	35,700	34,400
Mining	7,300	7,300	7,700	28.4	28.4	29.6	--	--	--
Construction	9,800	9,700	13,900	98.1	97.3	88.4	8,800	8,800	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,600	7,300	7,700	98.1	97.6	94.8	9,700	9,600	10,000
Trade	32,000	31,800	31,500	431.7	434.9	411.7	39,800	40,200	39,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,400	6,300	131.8	131.1	122.8	7,900	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,400	23,600	322.7	317.7	302.4	27,700	27,800	26,600
Government	26,800	26,600	26,700	190.8	186.6	186.2	34,500	34,000	34,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,600	68,600	67,300	1,504.5	1,502.2	1,506.7	61,200	61,200	58,400
Manufacturing	10,200	10,200	10,500	195.2	195.2	207.0	8,600	8,600	7,700
Mining	800	800	700	98.5	98.6	100.3	--	--	--
Construction	4,000	4,600	4,100	129.2	131.4	137.2	3,700	3,600	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,000	5,900	6,000	103.2	103.1	104.9	2,900	3,000	3,100
Trade	12,400	12,300	12,400	367.1	367.9	366.5	14,500	14,600	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	105.5	104.8	103.0	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	322.5	318.6	306.0	11,200	11,100	10,900
Government	20,300	19,900	18,700	183.3	182.6	181.8	17,900	17,900	17,900

2/ In Thousands

in February. Although the over-the-month loss was relatively small, the combined effects of tight money, high interest rates, and inflated construction costs have plummeted employment in construction by 4,600 from the February 1983 level.

Among those industries with employment gains in February, government was the leader, with 16,500 new jobs. Almost all of the improvement was concentrated in the state and local government sectors, where the commencement of the spring semester at colleges and schools boosted employment. These sectors also began hiring temporary workers and hiring to fill some previously vacant retirement positions.

The beginning of the school term also generated sizeable increases in educational services, contributing to the overall gain of 10,100 in services. The upcoming tax season also created new jobs, and membership organizations posted additions with the approach of spring. Other sectors of services recorded smaller advances over the month. Amusement, including motion pictures, reported increases as preparation for spring activities began. Hotels and other lodging places showed a moderate rise which brought employment back up to normal levels.

The continued demand for housing generated large increases among real estate operators and lessors, producing upward movement in other finance, insurance and real estate. Smaller increases were noted in the banking and the insurance carriers, agents and brokers sectors of finance, insurance and real estate.

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TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,000	30,100	30,100	67,000	67,100	67,000	90,800	90,000	91,700
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,900	14,600	14,500	15,200	9,500	9,400	13,200
Mining	1,100	1,200	1,400	4,900	4,900	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,000	4,000	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,600	4,900	4,900	4,700
Trade	8,900	8,900	9,100	17,000	17,200	16,900	26,500	26,600	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,300	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	4,800	10,900	11,000	10,800	19,000	18,900	18,200
Government	7,300	7,300	7,000	8,400	8,300	7,900	21,000	20,400	20,500
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,600	76,900	79,300	54,900	55,000	50,800	56,800	56,700	55,300
Manufacturing	9,700	9,400	10,600	4,000	3,900	3,500	5,900	5,900	6,600
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,400	12,500	12,500	12,700	8,900	8,800	8,800
Construction	5,100	5,200	5,100	3,300	3,500	3,700	4,300	4,200	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,100	23,600	25,700	13,400	13,400	11,400	16,900	16,700	15,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,000	3,700	3,900	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,200	10,800	9,300	9,100	7,900	8,700	8,800	7,700
Government	20,000	20,000	20,100	5,800	5,800	5,200	6,800	7,000	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,000	37,000	37,500	445,600	441,900	425,100	34,300	34,400	33,300
Manufacturing	5,500	5,600	5,700	49,900	49,200	48,200	11,500	11,500	10,600
Mining	800	800	1,000	3,500	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,500	30,800	30,600	29,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,500	18,400	17,400	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,900	8,900	8,900	113,600	113,300	106,400	6,800	6,800	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,500	32,200	32,000	30,500	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,600	96,500	95,200	91,500	6,300	6,300	6,100
Government	6,800	6,700	6,500	100,600	99,700	98,500	4,800	4,900	4,700
	YEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,600	45,800	44,300	58,000	57,800	56,800	75,800	74,400	71,700
Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,100	12,000	11,900	11,800	15,700	15,500	14,600
Mining	100	100	100	3,100	3,100	3,200	--	--	--
Construction	1,500	1,700	1,700	2,400	2,500	2,500	3,800	3,800	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,700	10,700	10,100	14,500	14,500	14,300	19,100	18,900	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,600	4,500	4,500
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,400	7,800	11,800	11,700	11,300	17,600	16,900	16,700
Government	12,800	12,800	12,900	8,100	8,000	7,800	11,800	11,600	11,500
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,300	53,300	51,200						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,000	8,100						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,200						
Construction	2,100	2,100	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,400	13,500	12,900						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	8,800						
Government	10,800	10,800	10,900						

1/Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation
with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S.
Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

**Revised.

The two sectors of transportation led the increases in transportation and public utilities in February. Expansion among firms engaged in stevedoring was primarily responsible for the large growth in water transportation, which pushed transportation except railroads upward. Employment in railroad transportation also rose over the month, as business activity increased. Electric, gas and sanitary services recorded a modest advance in February, while communication remained almost unchanged.

Mining recorded a moderate increase of 1,300 in February, but this sector has shown a steady upward trend for the past five months. Although the recent expansion in oil and gas extraction is not as dramatic as increases recorded prior to 1982, any growth in this sector is very encouraging. Since September 1983, 8,300 jobs have been added in mining, and many associated industries are also being helped by the renewed activity.

Employers in manufacturing added 6,000 positions in February, with growth almost equally divided between durable goods and nondurable goods industries. In durable

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Change From		Change From	
	Feb. 1984*	Jan. 1984**	Feb. 1983**	Jan. 1984
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,257,500	6,224,900	6,107,700	32,600
Manufacturing	971,800	965,800	959,500	6,000
Durable Goods	556,600	553,200	550,400	3,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,800	40,600	37,000	200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,600	7,200	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	17,800	15,700	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,800	47,200	43,500	600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,300	21,900	20,100	400
Primary Metal Industries	34,200	34,000	33,700	200
Fabricated Metal Products	80,100	79,600	80,300	500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,600	43,200	43,100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	129,800	128,800	138,200	1,000
Oil Field Machinery	41,500	41,200	48,900	300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	99,000	98,400	97,000	600
Transportation Equipment	72,100	72,200	69,600	- 100
Aircraft & Parts	37,000	37,300	37,800	- 300
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,500	22,500	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,300	12,100	12,500	200
Nondurable Goods	415,200	412,600	409,100	2,600
Food & Kindred Products	97,200	95,300	94,200	1,900
Meat Products	24,300	24,200	24,500	100
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	0
Bakery Products	12,400	12,500	10,600	- 100
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,400	3,200	- 100
Textile Mill Products	4,900	4,800	5,000	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,600	60,400	59,500	200
Paper & Allied Products	22,200	22,200	21,400	0
Printing & Publishing	70,700	70,500	67,800	200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	35,400	34,900	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,500	76,200	78,100	300
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,100	43,100	44,300	0
Petroleum Refining	39,800	39,800	41,200	0
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,500	8,800	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	31,800	31,600	30,000	200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,285,700	5,259,100	5,148,200	26,600
Mining	266,400	265,100	267,700	1,300
Oil & Gas Extraction	256,600	255,100	258,000	1,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	10,000	9,700	- 200
Construction	404,700	405,200	409,300	- 500
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,000	373,700	367,500	2,300
Railroad Transportation	24,800	23,800	24,100	1,000
Transportation, Except Railroads	176,400	175,400	167,800	1,000
Transportation by Air	34,900	34,900	35,200	0
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,800	96,700	96,000	100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,000	77,800	79,600	200
Electric Services	43,700	43,500	44,300	200
Gas Production & Distribution	29,100	29,100	30,200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,565,200	1,572,400	1,513,600	- 7,200
Wholesale Trade	439,600	437,300	432,600	2,500
Retail Trade	1,125,400	1,135,100	1,081,000	- 9,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	51,800	51,600	46,900	200
General Merchandise Stores	140,900	148,800	139,600	- 7,900
Food Stores	205,000	204,700	193,900	300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,000	130,800	126,200	200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,100	78,800	76,300	- 1,700
Other Retail Trade	519,600	520,400	498,100	- 800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	400,400	396,300	381,400	4,100
Banking	103,200	102,300	102,000	900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	123,300	122,600	121,600	700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	173,900	171,400	157,800	2,500
Services	1,200,700	1,190,600	1,157,100	10,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	74,500	73,900	71,400	600
Personal Services	74,000	72,700	72,900	1,300
Business & Repair Services	315,000	314,500	298,300	500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,200	49,400	44,000	800
Health Services	341,600	341,400	341,800	200
Educational Services	65,000	60,900	58,400	4,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	280,400	277,800	270,300	2,600
Total Government	1,072,300	1,055,800	1,051,600	16,500
Total Federal Government	178,300	178,000	172,200	300
Total State Government	222,300	212,300	225,600	10,000
Total Local Government	671,700	665,500	653,800	6,200

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**	Feb. '84*	Jan. '84**	Feb. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	77,000	77,100	98,700	98,600	95,900	335,100	331,700	323,100
Total Unemployment	3,000	4,100	4,400	4,700	5,500	5,900	9,500	13,000	17,100
Percent Unemployed	3.9	5.3	5.7	4.8	5.6	6.2	2.8	3.9	5.3
Total Employment 2/	73,800	72,900	72,700	94,000	93,100	90,000	325,600	318,700	306,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,600	175,800	184,100	90,800	91,700	91,000	55,900	53,700	54,600
Total Unemployment	19,300	22,500	28,500	12,400	14,700	15,000	2,000	2,600	2,700
Percent Unemployed	11.0	12.8	15.5	13.7	16.0	16.5	3.6	4.8	4.9
Total Employment 2/	156,300	153,300	155,600	78,400	77,000	76,000	53,900	51,100	51,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,300	162,800	168,200	1,826.3	1,820.0	1,752.7	194,800	194,900	197,400
Total Unemployment	13,600	16,200	17,300	64.9	83.4	105.6	18,500	21,600	26,900
Percent Unemployed	8.4	10.0	10.3	3.6	4.6	6.0	9.5	11.1	13.6
Total Employment 2/	148,700	146,600	150,900	1,761.4	1,736.6	1,647.1	176,200	173,300	170,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	89,800	90,700	92,300	1,735.7	1,744.2	1,762.4	73,800	74,200	71,000
Total Unemployment	8,000	9,500	13,100	113.3	139.1	172.4	3,500	4,600	5,200
Percent Unemployed	8.9	10.5	14.2	6.5	8.0	9.8	4.7	6.2	7.3
Total Employment 2/	81,800	81,200	79,200	1,622.4	1,605.1	1,590.0	70,300	69,600	65,800
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	38,900	40,100	43,100	78,500	79,500	80,500	112,600	112,200	112,400
Total Unemployment	7,400	9,000	12,300	6,400	8,000	10,100	6,400	8,200	7,100
Percent Unemployed	19.0	22.4	28.5	8.2	10.1	12.5	5.7	7.3	6.3
Total Employment 2/	31,500	31,100	30,800	72,100	71,500	70,400	106,200	104,000	105,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	117,300	118,300	119,400	69,200	68,900	64,200	73,400	73,800	72,500
Total Unemployment	27,100	30,400	24,300	2,700	3,400	3,900	3,900	5,000	6,200
Percent Unemployed	23.1	25.7	20.4	3.9	4.9	6.1	5.3	6.8	8.6
Total Employment 2/	90,200	87,900	95,100	66,500	65,500	60,300	69,500	68,800	66,300
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,700	49,600	50,000	510,700	510,100	489,600	40,200	40,100	40,500
Total Unemployment	1,900	2,400	2,800	23,100	30,400	33,600	2,500	2,800	4,200
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.8	5.6	4.5	6.0	6.9	6.2	7.0	10.4
Total Employment 2/	47,800	47,200	47,200	487,600	479,700	456,000	37,700	37,300	36,300
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,800	52,000	51,300	77,800	77,800	77,000	37,100	37,200	38,800
Total Unemployment	4,400	5,000	5,700	3,500	4,400	5,300	2,500	3,000	4,200
Percent Unemployed	8.5	9.6	11.1	4.5	5.7	6.9	6.7	8.1	10.8
Total Employment 2/	47,400	47,000	45,600	74,300	73,400	71,700	34,600	34,200	34,600
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	90,800	90,200	87,800	67,900	69,000	66,600	7,625.3	7,634.7	7,551.9
Total Unemployment	3,700	4,800	6,000	3,000	4,800	5,700	450.1	555.8	666.5
Percent Unemployed	4.1	5.3	6.8	4.4	7.0	8.6	5.9	7.3	8.8
Total Employment 2/	87,100	85,400	81,800	64,900	64,200	60,900	7,175.2	7,078.9	6,885.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. ± 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. ± 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. ± 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL *	\$376.41	\$379.54	\$350.00	41.5	41.8	40.0	\$ 9.07	\$ 9.08	\$ 8.75
Durable Goods	372.07	371.65	351.42	41.9	41.9	40.3	8.88	8.87	8.72
Lumber & Wood Products	253.71	253.31	243.79	40.4	40.4	39.9	6.28	6.27	6.11
Furniture & Fixtures	228.14	222.15	231.21	38.8	38.5	38.6	5.88	5.77	5.99
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	363.15	353.50	338.34	43.7	42.9	43.1	8.31	8.24	7.85
Primary Metal Industries	400.77	399.59	404.71	40.4	39.8	37.3	9.92	10.04	10.85
Fabricated Metal Products	357.35	363.26	347.77	40.7	41.0	38.9	8.78	8.86	8.94
Machinery, Exc. Electric	386.21	385.80	347.79	43.2	43.3	40.3	8.94	8.91	8.63
Oil Field Machinery	504.37	425.26	437.47	46.4	45.9	41.0	10.87	10.79	10.67
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	386.88	395.08	353.63	41.6	42.3	40.6	9.30	9.34	8.71
Transportation Equipment	511.73	508.47	481.38	43.7	44.1	42.6	11.71	11.53	11.30
Instr. & Related Products	305.36	308.48	303.66	39.3	39.6	38.1	7.77	7.79	7.97
Misc. Mfg. Industries	274.01	282.09	269.68	39.2	39.9	39.6	6.99	7.07	6.81
Nondurable Goods	381.71	389.90	349.36	41.0	41.7	39.7	9.31	9.35	8.80
Food & Kindred Products	331.85	346.70	302.25	41.9	43.5	40.9	7.92	7.97	7.39
Meat Products	279.60	284.93	276.34	41.3	42.4	41.0	6.77	6.72	6.74
Malt Beverages	648.90	666.39	629.34	42.0	43.3	42.9	15.45	15.39	14.67
Textile Mill Products	265.68	279.84	261.18	40.5	42.4	42.4	6.56	6.60	6.16
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	185.86	186.62	170.65	37.7	37.7	35.7	4.93	4.95	4.78
Paper & Allied Products	415.59	424.98	397.38	43.7	44.5	43.1	9.51	9.55	9.22
Printing & Publishing	337.73	342.34	317.24	39.5	39.9	38.5	8.55	8.58	8.24
Chemicals & Allied Products	589.95	600.66	507.53	41.9	42.6	39.9	14.08	14.10	12.72
Petroleum & Coal Products	631.03	632.84	582.24	43.7	44.1	42.1	14.44	14.35	13.83
Petroleum Refining	644.41	646.36	595.72	43.6	44.0	42.1	14.78	14.69	14.15
Leather & Leather Products	209.04	201.47	193.03	39.0	36.9	38.3	5.36	5.46	5.04
Other Nondurable Goods	364.23	374.11	343.09	42.5	43.2	42.2	8.57	8.66	8.13
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	492.10	503.61	455.93	47.5	48.1	46.1	10.36	10.47	9.89
Oil & Gas Extraction	495.90	508.99	457.31	47.5	48.2	46.1	10.44	10.56	9.92
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	398.05	380.05	414.96	47.9	45.9	45.4	8.31	8.28	9.14
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	422.37	433.29	381.27	39.0	39.0	37.9	10.83	11.11	10.06
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	438.24	449.82	405.72	41.5	42.0	41.4	10.56	10.71	9.80
Wholesale & Retail Trade	235.27	237.36	221.45	34.7	34.6	33.6	6.78	6.86	6.68
Wholesale Trade	359.10	364.80	349.27	39.9	40.0	39.6	9.00	9.12	8.82
Retail Trade	189.66	190.71	177.47	32.7	32.6	31.3	5.80	5.85	5.67
General Mdse. Stores	157.87	162.35	159.55	28.6	29.2	28.8	5.52	5.56	5.54
Banking	247.63	262.75	240.54	40.2	40.8	38.0	6.16	6.44	6.33

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$369.77	\$375.90	\$348.00	41.5	42.0	40.0	\$ 8.91	\$ 8.95	\$ 8.70
Durable Goods	389.76	392.88	366.11	42.0	42.2	40.1	9.28	9.31	9.13
Nondurable Goods	325.62	339.44	311.20	40.5	41.7	40.0	8.04	8.14	7.78
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	474.96	472.61	424.67	43.1	43.2	39.8	11.02	10.94	10.67
Durable Goods	413.42	416.98	375.20	43.2	43.3	38.8	9.57	9.63	9.67
Nondurable Goods	552.12	544.75	490.32	42.9	43.2	41.1	12.87	12.61	11.93
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	272.83	266.66	263.20	40.3	39.8	40.0	6.77	6.70	6.58
Durable Goods	295.71	285.32	286.62	40.9	40.3	41.3	7.23	7.08	6.94
Nondurable Goods	248.69	248.22	240.95	39.6	39.4	38.8	6.28	6.30	6.21

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

goods, the largest increase occurred in nonelectrical machinery, where refrigeration and heating equipment showed the most gain. Electric and electronic equipment recorded a moderate rise in jobs in February, despite a decrease in the communication equipment sector.

Stone, clay and glass products employment increased on the strength of increased orders, primarily for concrete, gypsum and plaster products. Gains in fabricated structural metal products were the main source of the increase in fabricated metal products over the month. Smaller growth was noted in most of the other durable goods sectors. The only durable goods loss occurred in transportation equipment, where a layoff in aircraft and parts dropped employment somewhat.

Although the nondurable goods sector contributed almost as many jobs as durable goods, over two-thirds of the nondurables' growth was centered in one industry -- food and kindred products. Within this category, processing picked up as the preserved fruit and vegetables sector returned to normal following the decline in January related to the December freeze. Other nondurable goods industries posted minimal increases, with the exception of leather and leather products which registered a loss as some part-time jobs were deleted. The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 4,500 between January and February, to 653,800. The current production worker total was 10,200 above the year-ago estimate.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DROP

The average manufacturing production worker in February worked 41.5 hours per week for \$9.07 an hour, averaging \$376.41 per week. Average weekly hours declined by 0.3 hour between January and February, and hourly earnings dropped 1¢. Average weekly earnings declined by \$3.13 over the month.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY SMSA*

Quarter Ending December 31, 1983

Abilene	\$ 926,797
Amarillo	1,613,365
Austin	2,620,762
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	11,666,120
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	4,760,215
Bryan-College Station	613,738
Corpus Christi	7,887,900
Dallas-Fort Worth	22,923,578
El Paso	6,649,607
Galveston-Texas City	3,882,609
Houston	66,204,870
Killeen-Temple	764,429
Laredo	2,978,880
Longview-Marshall	3,662,771
Lubbock	2,821,931
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	6,851,031
Midland	1,389,583
Odessa	2,433,552
San Angelo	540,327
San Antonio	6,859,443
Sherman-Denison	834,490
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	832,921
Tyler	1,372,357
Victoria	1,306,673
Waco	1,074,832
Wichita Falls	1,203,038

*Regular UI benefits paid during quarter.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	<u>Feb. 1984</u>	<u>Feb. 1983</u>
Total Population	16,141,300	15,557,800
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	3.1
UI Covered Employers	296,839	288,312
Total Claims Actions	575,621	824,867
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,079	82,505
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	510,542	742,362
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$131.53	\$132.67
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$58,807,792	\$89,373,041
Total Placements	34,328	26,672

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

Although total employment rose by over 100,000 between February and March 1984 in the actual series, to 7,280,900 at mid-March, the increase was not enough to offset a corresponding rise in unemployment over the month. The continued expansion of employment reflected the relative economic health of the State, despite the increase in joblessness. An additional 59,200 Texans were unemployed in March, pushing the total to 509,300, or 6.5 percent. The surge in unemployment occurred as a large number of persons who had previously dropped out of the labor force were encouraged by recent economic improvements to seek work again.

The State's unemployment rate was also 6.5 percent in the seasonally adjusted series. The U. S. had an actual unemployment rate in March of 8.1 percent, down from 8.4 percent in February. The seasonally adjusted series for the Nation showed a March rate of 7.8 percent, unchanged from February.

SALARIED NONFARM JOBS INCREASE

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas rose by 24,400 between February and March, to total 6,287,000 at mid-March. The increase was dispersed among most of the major industry groups, but some categories recorded stronger growth than others. Seasonal influences boosted employment in wholesale and retail trade by 8,800, with the majority of the additions concentrated in the retail portion. The approach of Spring brought expansion in building materials and garden supplies and in auto and home supply stores. Jobs in eating and drinking places also picked up with the better weather. Increased business stimulated employment in several sectors of wholesale trade.

Some 6,300 additional jobs were created in services over the month. Hiring accelerated among temporary help agencies and data processing firms, pushing employment up substantially in business services. Hotels and other lodging places began staffing for the coming season, with 2,000 more hires in March. Health services recorded sizeable growth, as hospitals and other health practitioners added workers.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	111,828.0	111,368.0	109,873.0
Unemployment	9,057.0	9,407.0	11,879.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.4	10.8
Total Employment	102,771.0	101,961.0	97,994.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,912.0	112,693.0	110,735.0
Unemployment	8,772.0	8,801.0	11,419.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.8	10.3
Total Employment	104,140.0	103,892.0	99,316.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,790.2	7,625.3	7,536.7
Unemployment	509.3	450.1	655.6
Percent Unemployed	6.5	5.9	8.7
Total Employment	7,280.9	7,175.2	6,881.1
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,817.0	7,632.0	7,567.0
Unemployment	510.0	433.0	659.0
Percent Unemployed	6.5	5.7	8.7
Total Employment	7,307.0	7,199.0	6,908.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
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	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83*	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,700	57,600	58,200	78,900	78,100	77,000	296,400	294,700	283,100
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	7,200	9,700	9,200	9,500	34,400	34,500	32,800
Mining	4,200	4,200	4,500	1,900	1,900	2,000	800	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,700	3,900	3,700	3,900	19,100	18,600	16,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,600	6,600	6,400	8,000	8,100	8,100
Trade	15,100	15,000	14,700	23,600	23,700	22,700	66,800	66,300	63,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,200	3,100	4,400	4,300	4,100	18,700	18,600	18,200
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,500	13,300	14,700	14,500	14,900	58,800	58,800	56,700
Government	9,600	9,600	9,500	14,100	14,200	13,500	89,800	89,000	86,700
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	140,400	140,000	142,700	63,400	63,000	62,200	46,300	46,400	45,100
Manufacturing	31,900	31,600	32,800	10,900	11,000	11,000	3,100	3,100	3,000
Mining	2,600	2,700	2,700	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,400	9,200	10,400	3,300	3,300	3,500	3,100	3,200	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,300	11,600	11,700	3,100	3,000	3,200	1,700	1,800	1,600
Trade	32,800	32,800	32,800	17,100	17,000	17,000	10,000	10,000	9,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,500	26,200	26,200	11,600	11,200	10,700	6,600	6,500	6,400
Government	20,300	20,300	20,500	14,200	14,300	13,700	18,800	18,800	18,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	128,000	127,400	131,600	1,630.9	1,615.3	1,551.1	165,600	164,700	163,100
Manufacturing	14,400	14,000	13,700	316.5	313.7	304.0	36,800	36,300	34,200
Mining	7,300	7,300	7,700	28.3	28.3	29.7	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,800	13,700	99.7	98.1	90.6	9,100	8,900	8,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,500	7,800	99.6	98.0	95.3	9,600	9,600	9,900
Trade	32,200	32,000	31,800	434.9	431.8	414.6	39,500	39,600	40,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,400	6,300	133.1	132.1	123.8	8,000	7,900	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,700	23,600	23,900	327.4	322.5	306.6	27,900	27,600	28,400
Government	26,700	26,800	26,700	191.4	190.8	186.5	34,700	34,800	34,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,500	68,500	67,700	1,512.9	1,505.3	1,505.6	61,800	61,500	58,800
Manufacturing	10,100	10,300	10,600	196.8	195.0	204.4	8,600	8,600	7,700
Mining	800	800	700	99.8	99.1	99.6	--	--	--
Construction	3,900	4,000	3,900	131.0	129.5	137.2	3,900	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,100	6,100	6,000	104.3	103.8	104.6	3,000	2,900	3,000
Trade	12,300	12,200	12,600	267.6	266.4	266.2	14,700	14,500	13,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	105.9	105.1	103.5	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,500	10,300	10,600	323.5	321.7	308.4	11,100	11,300	10,900
Government	20,300	20,300	18,800	184.0	184.7	181.7	18,100	18,100	18,000

2/ In Thousands

Manufacturing had its best month since September 1983, with 6,800 new jobs created between February and March 1984. Over 90 percent of the increase was generated by the durable goods sector, and a good portion of the gain occurred in one industry. Oil field machinery was the primary source of the 2,700 additional jobs in nonelectrical machinery. Increased demand for drilling equipment in the past few months has pushed employment up in this category.

Business improved throughout electric and electronic equipment, but growth was strongest in the manufacture of computer components. Recalls and additions were common enough in transportation equipment to overcome a sizeable layoff in ship and boat building and repair. Moderate increases were noted in fabricated metal products and in primary metal industries due to rising demand for industrial materials. The upswing in building generated small advances in lumber and wood products and in stone, clay and glass products.

Among nondurable goods industries, the only outstanding improvement was in apparel and other finished textile products, as demand for spring fashions quickened. Other nondurable goods categories remained relatively stable, with the exception of food and kindred products, where seasonal layoffs in preserved fruits and vegetables were accentuated by a fire in a large factory, dropping employment by 1,100.

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Industry	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,300	30,000	30,100	66,500	67,000	67,100	90,800	90,800	91,600
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,900	14,600	14,600	15,000	9,400	9,500	12,700
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,700	4,800	4,900	500	500	400
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300	4,500	4,700	4,900	4,100	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,700	3,700	4,700	4,900	4,600
Trade	9,100	8,900	9,100	17,100	17,100	16,900	26,300	26,400	25,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,500	2,800	2,800	2,800	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	4,900	4,800	11,000	10,900	10,800	19,300	19,100	18,500
Government	7,400	7,400	7,000	8,200	8,400	8,100	21,100	21,000	20,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	78,400	78,100	79,900	55,400	55,500	50,300	56,800	57,200	54,800
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,100	4,000	4,000	3,600	5,800	5,900	6,500
Mining	1,300	1,400	1,400	12,400	12,500	12,500	8,800	9,000	8,700
Construction	5,200	5,100	5,100	3,400	3,500	3,700	4,000	4,300	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,900	2,900	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,400	24,200	26,300	13,600	13,400	11,200	16,900	16,900	15,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,100	3,900	3,800	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,300	11,000	9,400	9,300	7,900	8,900	8,700	7,600
Government	20,100	20,100	20,300	5,800	6,100	5,200	7,100	7,100	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,500	37,000	37,400	448,600	445,200	428,000	34,400	34,200	33,400
Manufacturing	5,600	5,400	5,700	50,500	50,000	47,700	11,400	11,400	10,700
Mining	800	800	1,000	3,500	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,200	2,500	31,300	30,900	29,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,800	18,600	17,500	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trade	9,100	9,000	8,900	114,900	113,600	107,400	6,900	6,800	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,500	32,400	32,200	30,800	1,300	1,300	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,500	97,100	97,000	92,700	6,300	6,300	6,300
Government	6,900	6,800	6,500	100,100	99,400	98,900	4,900	4,800	4,700
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,500	46,300	45,300	58,100	58,200	56,700	75,600	75,800	71,900
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,400	12,100	12,000	11,700	15,600	15,700	14,800
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	3,100	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	2,400	2,400	2,500	4,000	3,900	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,900	10,800	10,400	14,600	14,600	14,400	19,100	19,100	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,100	3,200	3,100	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,400	7,900	11,800	11,800	11,400	17,500	17,500	16,700
Government	13,000	12,900	13,000	8,200	8,100	7,800	11,600	11,800	11,500
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,200	53,300	51,500						
Manufacturing	9,000	9,100	8,200						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,200						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,400	13,400	13,000						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	8,800						
Government	10,900	10,900	10,900						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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Construction, spurred by fair weather and strong consumer demand, registered its first advance since August 1983, despite continued high interest rates and tight financing. Employment in construction rose by 1,300 between February and March. Expansion in transportation by air fueled the over-the-month gain in transportation and public utilities, as the communication sector dropped moderately and utilities remained unchanged.

HOURS RISE, HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE

Average weekly hours worked by a manufacturing production worker in Texas rose by 0.4 hours over the month, while average hourly earnings dropped by 2¢. The average worker in March was earning \$9.03 an hour for a 41.9 hour week, and averaging \$378.36 a week. Weekly earnings were boosted by the rise in hours worked, even though hourly earnings were down slightly. All of the increase in hours worked was concentrated in the durable goods sector. Average hours worked per week were up 1.5 hours over the year, and average hourly earnings had risen by 27¢. There were an estimated 658,900 manufacturing production workers in Texas at mid-March, up 4,900 from February and 16,200 above the year-ago level.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

INDUSTRY	Change From				
	Mar. 1984*	Feb. 1984**	Mar. 1983**	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,287,000	6,262,600	6,127,000	24,400	160,000
Manufacturing	979,100	972,300	957,800	6,800	21,300
Durable Goods	563,900	557,700	550,000	6,200	13,900
Lumber & Wood Products	41,000	40,600	37,900	400	3,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,600	7,200	- 100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,900	17,800	15,800	100	2,100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,000	47,800	43,900	200	4,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,700	22,200	20,300	500	2,400
Primary Metal Industries	34,800	34,300	33,600	500	1,200
Fabricated Metal Products	80,500	79,900	79,700	600	800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,500	43,400	42,700	100	800
Machinery, Except Electrical	132,800	130,100	135,700	2,700	- 2,900
Oil Field Machinery	43,200	41,700	46,700	1,500	- 3,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,100	99,300	97,000	800	3,100
Transportation Equipment	73,500	72,800	71,100	700	2,400
Aircraft & Parts	37,200	37,200	38,100	0	- 900
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	22,800	22,900	200	100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,300	12,300	12,400	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	415,200	414,600	407,800	500	7,400
Food & Kindred Products	95,300	96,400	92,800	- 1,100	2,500
Meat Products	24,200	24,100	24,500	100	- 300
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
Bakery Products	12,500	12,400	10,600	100	1,900
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Textile Mill Products	5,000	4,900	5,000	100	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	62,200	61,000	60,000	1,200	2,200
Paper & Allied Products	22,100	22,200	21,500	- 100	600
Printing & Publishing	70,700	70,600	68,000	100	2,700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ	35,300	35,500	35,100	- 200	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,300	77,900	0	- 1,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,900	42,900	44,000	0	- 1,100
Petroleum Refining	39,600	39,600	40,900	0	- 1,300
Leather & Leather Products	8,300	8,300	8,900	0	- 600
Other Nondurable Goods	32,400	32,000	29,700	400	2,700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,307,900	5,290,300	5,169,200	17,600	138,700
Mining	264,800	265,300	265,600	- 500	- 800
Oil & Gas Extraction	254,900	255,500	255,900	- 600	- 1,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,900	9,800	9,700	100	200
Construction	406,400	405,100	416,800	1,300	- 10,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,300	376,500	366,800	800	10,500
Railroad Transportation	25,200	24,800	24,300	400	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	177,900	177,100	167,700	800	10,200
Transportation by Air	35,500	34,900	35,300	600	200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,300	96,700	95,500	- 400	800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,900	77,900	79,300	0	- 1,400
Electric Services	43,600	43,600	44,000	0	- 400
Gas Production & Distribution	29,000	29,000	30,200	0	- 1,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,572,300	1,563,500	1,520,900	8,800	51,400
Wholesale Trade	440,500	438,600	432,100	1,900	8,400
Retail Trade	1,131,800	1,124,900	1,088,800	6,900	43,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,500	51,900	48,300	1,600	5,200
General Merchandise Stores	142,300	142,000	139,100	300	3,200
Food Stores	205,800	204,900	194,500	900	11,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,800	130,700	126,900	1,100	4,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,600	76,800	76,700	- 200	- 100
Other Retail Trade	521,800	518,600	503,300	3,200	18,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	401,400	400,800	384,100	600	17,300
Banking	102,900	103,000	102,200	- 100	700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	123,400	123,200	122,200	200	1,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	175,100	174,600	159,700	500	15,400
Services	1,210,100	1,203,800	1,160,300	6,300	49,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,700	74,700	73,000	2,000	3,700
Personal Services	73,100	73,700	73,400	- 600	- 300
Business & Repair Services	320,500	317,200	301,100	3,300	19,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,000	50,600	46,000	- 600	4,000
Health Services	343,400	342,100	336,700	1,300	6,700
Educational Services	64,800	65,000	58,300	- 200	6,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	281,600	280,500	271,800	1,100	9,800
Total Government	1,075,600	1,075,300	1,054,700	300	20,900
Total Federal Government	180,200	179,200	173,000	1,000	7,200
Total State Government	221,700	222,000	225,500	- 300	- 3,800
Total Local Government	673,700	674,100	656,200	- 400	17,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**	Mar. '84*	Feb. '84**	Mar. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,800	76,700	76,500	100,600	98,900	96,400	343,100	336,000	321,500
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,000	4,300	4,900	4,700	5,700	11,600	9,400	15,200
Percent Unemployed	4.5	3.9	5.6	4.9	4.8	5.9	3.4	2.8	4.7
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	74,300	73,700	72,200	95,700	94,200	90,700	331,500	326,600	306,300
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,600	175,700	182,200	93,000	90,700	91,000	56,600	56,100	54,500
Total Unemployment	21,600	19,400	26,900	13,600	12,400	14,600	2,200	2,000	2,700
Percent Unemployed	12.0	11.0	14.8	14.6	13.7	16.0	3.9	3.6	5.0
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	158,000	156,300	155,300	79,400	78,300	76,400	54,400	54,100	51,800
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	166,900	162,400	168,900	1,864.5	1,825.8	1,753.8	197,900	194,800	196,600
Total Unemployment	15,400	13,600	17,800	73.1	64.7	101.2	19,700	18,600	27,100
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.4	10.5	3.9	3.5	5.8	10.0	9.5	13.8
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	151,500	148,800	151,100	1,791.4	1,761.1	1,652.6	178,200	176,200	169,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	91,900	89,800	91,700	1,772.4	1,735.5	1,755.1	75,600	74,000	71,000
Total Unemployment	9,400	8,000	12,400	129.2	113.6	174.7	4,000	3,500	5,000
Percent Unemployed	10.2	8.9	13.5	7.3	6.5	10.0	5.3	4.7	7.0
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	82,500	81,800	79,300	1,643.2	1,621.9	1,580.4	71,600	70,500	66,000
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,600	38,900	43,200	79,600	78,300	79,900	114,500	112,600	112,700
Total Unemployment	8,600	7,400	12,500	7,200	6,400	9,700	7,100	6,300	6,900
Percent Unemployed	21.2	19.0	28.9	9.0	8.2	12.1	6.2	5.6	6.1
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	32,000	31,500	30,700	72,400	71,900	70,200	107,400	106,300	105,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	122,500	117,800	118,700	70,400	69,700	63,300	74,600	73,800	72,000
Total Unemployment	30,500	27,300	23,500	3,000	2,600	3,700	4,400	3,900	6,900
Percent Unemployed	24.9	23.2	19.8	4.3	3.7	5.8	5.9	5.3	9.6
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	92,000	90,500	95,200	67,400	67,100	59,600	70,200	69,900	65,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,600	49,700	50,200	520,500	509,700	489,800	40,400	40,100	40,200
Total Unemployment	2,300	1,900	3,200	26,500	23,000	33,300	2,400	2,400	4,200
Percent Unemployed	4.5	3.8	6.4	5.1	4.5	6.8	5.9	6.0	10.4
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	48,300	47,800	47,000	494,000	486,700	456,500	38,000	37,700	36,000
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,000	52,200	51,200	78,800	77,900	76,200	37,500	37,000	38,400
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,500	5,300	3,700	3,500	5,100	2,700	2,500	4,100
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.6	10.4	4.7	4.5	6.7	7.2	6.8	10.7
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	48,500	47,700	45,900	75,100	74,400	71,100	34,800	34,500	34,300
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,300	90,700	87,300	68,700	67,800	66,000	7,790.2	7,625.3	7,536.7
Total Unemployment	4,200	3,700	5,600	3,300	3,000	5,200	509.3	450.1	655.6
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.1	6.4	4.8	4.4	7.9	6.5	5.9	8.7
Total Employment <u>2/</u>	88,100	87,000	81,700	65,400	64,800	60,800	7,280.9	7,175.2	6,881.1

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. ± 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. ± 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. ± 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$378.36	\$375.58	\$353.90	41.9	41.5	40.4	\$ 9.03	\$ 9.05	\$ 8.76
Durable Goods	370.82	369.88	351.88	41.9	41.7	40.4	8.85	8.87	8.71
Lumber & Wood Products	258.93	256.14	251.69	41.1	40.4	40.4	6.30	6.34	6.23
Furniture & Fixtures	228.34	227.95	226.94	39.1	38.9	38.4	5.84	5.86	5.91
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	369.73	365.64	351.11	44.6	44.0	44.5	8.29	8.31	7.89
Primary Metal Industries	403.27	393.73	408.38	40.9	40.3	37.5	9.86	9.77	10.89
Fabricated Metal Products	356.65	356.87	351.23	40.9	40.6	39.2	8.72	8.79	8.96
Machinery, Exc. Electric	378.63	379.90	347.84	42.4	42.4	40.4	8.93	8.96	8.61
Oil Field Machinery	467.39	485.44	438.24	43.6	44.7	41.5	10.72	10.86	10.56
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	382.81	385.22	344.92	41.7	41.6	40.2	9.18	9.26	8.58
Transportation Equipment	507.78	510.84	470.82	43.4	44.0	41.3	11.70	11.61	11.40
Instr. & Related Products	309.29	306.15	308.11	39.4	39.1	39.3	7.85	7.83	7.84
Misc. Mfg. Industries	275.71	272.22	274.97	39.5	39.0	40.2	6.98	6.98	6.84
Nondurable Goods	387.90	382.34	357.62	41.8	41.2	40.5	9.28	9.28	8.83
Food & Kindred Products	338.73	334.70	309.59	42.5	42.1	41.5	7.97	7.95	7.46
Meat Products	282.24	280.31	278.10	42.0	41.9	41.2	6.72	6.69	6.75
Malt Beverages	688.32	659.44	612.07	43.4	41.5	41.3	15.86	15.89	14.82
Textile Mill Products	276.64	268.46	261.84	41.6	40.8	42.3	6.65	6.58	6.19
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	191.69	186.47	175.06	39.2	37.9	36.7	4.89	4.92	4.77
Paper & Allied Products	419.60	416.55	400.53	43.8	43.3	43.3	9.58	9.62	9.25
Printing & Publishing	347.99	336.87	332.83	40.7	39.4	40.1	8.55	8.55	8.30
Chemicals & Allied Products	592.62	587.58	516.89	42.3	42.0	40.1	14.01	13.99	12.89
Petroleum & Coal Products	620.21	616.62	601.17	43.1	43.0	43.5	14.39	14.34	13.82
Petroleum Refining	634.00	630.81	614.22	43.1	43.0	43.5	14.71	14.67	14.12
Leather & Leather Products	210.72	213.33	200.90	37.9	38.3	40.1	5.56	5.57	5.01
Other Nondurable Goods	396.94	391.85	342.24	44.6	45.3	42.2	8.90	8.65	8.11
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	490.11	491.06	457.82	46.9	47.4	45.6	10.45	10.36	10.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	493.86	495.33	461.11	46.9	47.4	45.7	10.53	10.45	10.09
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	401.38	393.39	400.51	47.5	47.0	44.9	8.45	8.37	8.92
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	419.15	416.41	385.30	39.1	38.7	38.3	10.72	10.76	10.06
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	425.01	438.19	403.85	40.4	41.3	41.0	10.52	10.61	9.85
Wholesale & Retail Trade	236.99	234.27	227.45	34.8	34.3	34.1	6.81	6.83	6.67
Wholesale Trade	364.21	362.18	348.33	40.2	39.8	39.9	9.06	9.10	8.73
Retail Trade	190.57	187.66	182.15	32.8	32.3	31.9	5.81	5.81	5.71
General Mdse. Stores	153.41	153.10	165.00	29.0	28.3	30.0	5.29	5.41	5.50
Banking	254.56	254.80	240.53	39.9	40.0	37.7	6.38	6.37	6.38

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$369.05	\$369.29	\$349.46	41.7	41.4	40.4	\$ 8.85	\$ 8.92	\$ 8.65
Durable Goods	386.32	389.67	364.61	41.9	41.9	40.2	9.22	9.30	9.07
Nondurable Goods	332.03	325.62	315.02	41.4	40.5	40.7	8.02	8.04	7.74
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	470.13	463.36	444.80	42.7	42.2	41.3	11.01	10.98	10.77
Durable Goods	410.66	409.28	393.41	42.6	42.5	40.6	9.64	9.63	9.69
Nondurable Goods	544.42	531.70	514.31	42.8	41.8	42.4	12.72	12.72	12.13
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	276.19	273.64	277.97	41.1	40.6	41.8	6.72	6.74	6.65
Durable Goods	298.87	294.99	293.58	41.8	41.2	42.0	7.15	7.16	6.99
Nondurable Goods	251.47	250.97	262.08	40.3	39.9	41.6	6.24	6.29	6.30

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1983
Total Population	16,178,400	15,604,100
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	3.0
UI Covered Employers	296,395	290,490
Total Claims Actions	529,480	927,441
Total Initial Claims Actions	52,739	85,592
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	476,741	841,849
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$133.20	\$133.34
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$55,014,932	\$101,094,692
Total Placements	42,872	37,008

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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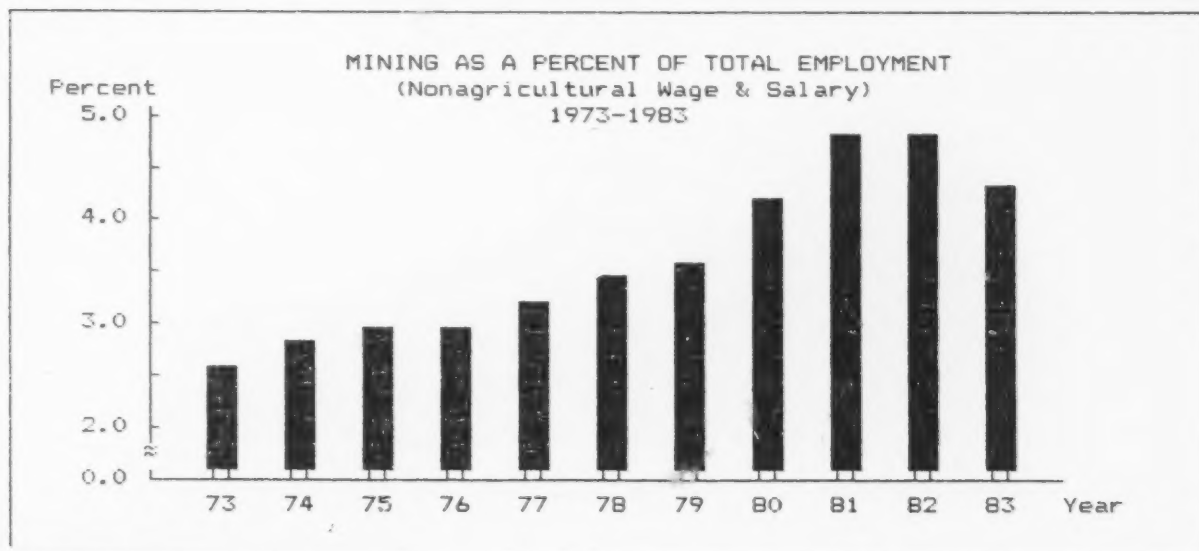
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MINING EMPLOYMENT IN TEXAS

Oil and gas extraction (which comprises 95 percent of total mining in Texas) has traditionally comprised a significant portion of the State's economy and an even more significant source of revenue. Mining was a strong contributor to the expansion in Texas during the late 'Seventies and early 'Eighties. As the chart above shows, between 1973 and 1981, the proportion of the State's nonfarm jobs concentrated in mining grew from 2.5 percent to about 5 percent. While this increase sounds small, it represents 186,900 additional jobs during this period.

When the demand for domestic oil diminished in 1982, the impact on Texas was almost immediate. Employment in mining began dropping, with the loss of 47,800 jobs between January and December 1982. The low point came in September 1983, by which time another 18,300 jobs had been deleted in mining. The last quarter of 1983 showed a small rebound in mining, and this carried forward through February 1984. Although employment declined moderately in March, more growth in this sector is expected in coming months.

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UNEMPLOYMENT DIPS SLIGHTLY

The State's labor force remained fairly stable between March and April 1984, as the unemployment rate in the actual series dipped from 6.5 percent in March to 6.4 percent in April. The number of jobless in Texas decreased by 4,900 over the month in the actual series, while total employment rose by 36,200. At mid-April, there were an estimated 504,400 unemployed, and total employment had risen to 7,317,100.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate for Texas rose minimally, from 6.5 percent in March to 6.8 percent in April. The U. S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month, at 7.8 percent. In the actual series, the Nation's rate declined from 8.1 percent in March to 7.6 percent in April, its lowest point since October 1981.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,153.0	111,828.0	109,875.0
Unemployment	8,525.0	9,057.0	11,035.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.1	10.0
Total Employment	103,628.0	102,771.0	98,840.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,245.0	112,912.0	110,975.0
Unemployment	8,843.0	8,772.0	11,369.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.8	10.2
Total Employment	104,402.0	104,140.0	99,606.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,821.5	7,790.2	7,534.2
Unemployment	504.4	509.3	607.7
Percent Unemployed	6.4	6.5	8.1
Total Employment	7,317.1	7,280.9	6,926.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,854.0	7,817.0	7,570.0
Unemployment	532.0	510.0	638.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.5	8.4
Total Employment	7,322.0	7,307.0	6,932.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

The continued economic recovery of Texas was reflected in the nonagricultural wage and salary employment totals for April, with the addition of 27,100 jobs over the month. The jobs total of 6,313,300 is now only 24,400 below the record high level set in December 1981, before economic problems beset Texas. Although the over-the-month growth was moderate, the steady upward movement has continued since August 1983 (with the exception of January 1984 when seasonal factors dropped employment). Some 186,700 jobs have been created between August 1983 and April 1984 -- a substantial improvement.

The strongest acceleration in April occurred in services, which gained 10,800 jobs. Much of the increase was seasonal in nature, as the industry which registered the largest advance was amusement, including motion pictures. Spring weather signaled the beginning of many outdoor recreation activities which pushed employment up in this category. Business and repair services also recorded a sizeable number of additions, with growth centered in auto repair and services, in businesses which furnish temporary help, and in management consulting agencies. A considerable rise

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83*	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,900	57,700	57,900	79,600	78,700	76,800	298,300	296,900	283,800
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,900	9,700	9,700	9,600	34,800	34,400	33,100
Mining	4,100	4,200	4,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	800	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,900	3,800	3,800	19,200	19,100	16,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,100	6,600	6,600	6,400	8,200	8,100	8,000
Trade	15,100	15,100	14,900	24,100	23,600	22,600	67,500	66,900	63,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,100	3,200	4,400	4,400	4,100	18,600	18,600	18,000
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,600	13,400	14,800	14,600	14,700	59,500	59,200	56,700
Government	9,700	9,600	9,300	14,200	14,100	13,600	89,700	89,800	87,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	140,100	140,500	141,700	63,300	63,200	61,500	46,300	46,300	45,300
Manufacturing	31,900	32,000	32,500	11,000	10,800	10,800	3,100	3,100	3,000
Mining	2,500	2,600	2,600	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	8,100	9,400	10,000	3,400	3,300	3,400	3,100	3,100	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	11,300	11,700	3,000	3,100	3,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	33,300	32,800	32,800	17,000	17,100	16,700	9,900	10,000	9,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,700	26,500	26,100	11,500	11,500	10,800	6,700	6,600	6,600
Government	20,300	20,300	20,400	14,200	14,200	13,600	18,800	18,800	18,200
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	128,700	128,000	130,700	1,646.7	1,631.5	1,570.4	166,700	166,100	163,600
Manufacturing	14,400	14,200	13,900	317.8	316.6	305.3	37,400	36,900	35,000
Mining	7,300	7,300	7,400	28.0	28.2	29.2	--	--	--
Construction	10,200	9,900	12,900	100.6	99.9	92.3	9,100	9,100	8,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,600	7,500	7,800	99.8	99.5	95.8	9,600	9,600	9,900
Trade	32,300	32,300	31,900	439.2	434.7	420.7	39,700	39,900	39,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,500	6,400	135.8	133.7	125.6	8,000	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,500	23,800	334.1	327.5	314.8	27,900	27,800	28,300
Government	26,800	26,800	26,600	191.4	191.4	186.7	35,000	34,800	34,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	67,800	68,300	67,600	1,517.9	1,511.9	1,502.2	62,500	61,800	59,300
Manufacturing	9,700	10,000	10,400	197.6	196.9	203.1	8,800	8,600	7,800
Mining	800	800	700	100.1	99.2	98.8	--	--	--
Construction	3,900	3,900	4,000	130.5	129.9	135.9	3,900	3,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,000	6,000	6,100	104.5	103.9	103.6	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	12,400	12,300	12,600	368.2	367.9	364.1	14,900	14,700	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	106.9	105.9	104.2	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,500	10,500	10,600	325.4	324.2	310.2	11,300	11,100	10,900
Government	20,000	20,300	18,700	184.7	184.0	182.3	18,200	18,200	18,000

2/ In Thousands

in employment also occurred in personal services and in the other services and miscellaneous category, which includes agricultural activities such as landscaping and crop services which accelerate in the Spring.

Wholesale and retail trade contributed an additional 9,500 jobs over the month, with most of the increase in retail trade. While all retail trade sectors showed improvement, the other retail trade category had the largest gains, with 5,100 new jobs. This industry group includes eating and drinking places, which normally expands its work force in the Spring. Milder weather brought sizeable increases in building materials and garden supplies. More moderate advances were noted in automotive dealers and service stations, in apparel and accessory stores, and in food stores.

Government agencies created 1,000 new positions in April, as all segments recorded additions; but federal government was responsible for two-thirds of the increase. There were 800 new jobs in construction over the month, as this industry struggled to regain lost ground. Most of the increase in April occurred in highway and street construction, with other heavy construction contributing a smaller gain.

Increased business activity in transportation services provided the major impetus for the moderate growth in transportation and public utilities. Communication remained almost unchanged over the month, while electric, gas and sanitary services

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TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,200	30,300	29,600	67,100	66,700	67,400	91,500	91,200	91,600
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	1,700	14,800	14,700	15,200	9,400	9,600	12,600
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,200	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	400
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300	4,700	4,600	4,900	4,300	4,100	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,700	4,700	4,600
Trade	9,000	9,100	8,900	17,200	17,100	16,900	26,800	26,400	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	4,900	11,000	11,000	10,800	19,300	19,300	18,500
Government	7,400	7,400	7,000	8,300	8,200	8,100	21,100	21,200	20,700
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	78,100	78,500	79,000	54,900	55,500	50,100	57,400	57,200	54,400
Manufacturing	9,800	10,100	9,800	3,900	3,900	3,500	5,900	5,800	6,400
Mining	1,400	1,300	1,400	12,600	12,600	12,100	8,500	8,900	8,600
Construction	5,000	5,200	5,100	3,300	3,400	3,800	4,500	4,300	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,900	2,900	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,400	24,400	25,800	13,200	13,600	11,500	17,000	16,900	15,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,100	3,900	3,900	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,400	11,000	9,300	9,400	7,800	9,000	8,900	7,500
Government	20,000	20,100	20,200	5,800	5,800	5,200	7,200	7,100	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,600	37,600	37,100	450,400	449,000	432,400	34,400	34,400	34,100
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600	50,700	50,500	48,700	11,500	11,400	11,100
Mining	800	800	900	3,500	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	32,100	31,300	30,100	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,700	18,600	17,700	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,200	9,100	8,800	115,500	114,800	109,000	6,800	6,900	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,500	32,500	32,400	31,000	1,300	1,300	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,500	7,500	37,100	37,300	33,800	6,300	6,300	6,300
Government	6,900	6,900	6,600	100,300	100,600	98,800	4,900	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,500	46,600	45,700	58,000	58,000	56,800	76,200	75,500	73,100
Manufacturing	8,600	8,600	8,600	12,200	12,100	11,600	15,700	15,600	15,100
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	1,800	1,900	1,900	2,400	2,400	2,600	4,100	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,600	14,600	14,600	14,400	19,500	19,100	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,600
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,500	8,100	11,700	11,800	11,500	17,500	17,400	16,900
Government	12,800	12,900	12,800	8,100	8,100	7,700	11,600	11,600	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,500	53,200	51,800						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,000	8,500						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,100						
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,400	13,400	13,000						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	9,100						
Government	10,900	10,900	10,800						

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declined slightly. Finance, insurance and real estate employment held steady from March to April, as gains in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector were offset by losses among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

The volatility of Texas' oil and gas industry was once again illustrated, as only 100 new jobs were generated in April. The industry seems to be at a standstill for the moment, after 500 jobs were deleted in March. Upward and downward fluctuations are to be expected during the coming months, as demand varies.

Manufacturing industries continue to expand, particularly those in the durable goods sector. Manufacturing as a whole provided 4,000 new jobs over the month, but only 100 of this increase was generated by nondurable goods industries. The best showing among durable goods was in nonelectrical machinery, where both the oil field machinery sector and the other machinery, except electrical, segment recorded sizeable increases.

Industry			Change From		Change From
	Apr. 1984*	Mar. 1984**	Apr. 1983**	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,313,300	6,286,200	6,143,900	27,100	169,400
Manufacturing	983,300	979,300	954,400	4,000	28,900
Durable Goods	567,700	563,800	545,600	3,900	22,100
Lumber & Wood Products	41,900	41,100	39,100	800	2,800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,500	7,300	100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,700	17,800	16,100	-100	1,600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,200	47,800	44,100	400	4,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,400	22,400	20,300	0	2,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,400	34,900	33,500	500	1,900
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,000	80,600	79,600	400	1,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,800	43,600	42,900	200	900
Machinery, Except Electrical	133,900	132,700	132,700	1,200	1,200
Oil Field Machinery	43,700	43,100	43,900	600	-200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,900	100,200	94,600	700	6,300
Transportation Equipment	73,100	73,400	70,700	-300	2,400
Aircraft & Parts	37,100	37,200	37,700	-100	-600
Instruments & Related Products	23,200	22,900	22,700	300	500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,400	12,500	0	-100
Non-durable Goods	415,600	415,500	408,900	100	6,800
Food & Kindred Products	94,800	95,300	91,900	-500	2,900
Meat Products	23,800	21,300	24,600	-500	-800
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Bakery Products	12,800	12,600	10,600	200	2,200
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,300	3,400	100	0
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	62,500	62,100	60,600	400	1,900
Paper & Allied Products	22,100	22,100	21,800	0	300
Printing & Publishing	71,200	70,700	68,300	500	2,900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	35,300	35,000	300	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,600	76,600	77,900	0	-1,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,800	42,900	44,000	-100	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	39,600	39,600	40,900	0	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,300	8,900	-100	-700
Other Non-durable Goods	32,400	32,500	30,500	-100	1,900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,330,000	5,306,900	5,189,500	23,100	140,500
Mining	265,500	265,500	262,200	0	3,300
Oil & Gas Extraction	255,700	255,600	252,500	100	3,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,900	9,700	-100	100
Construction	407,100	405,300	418,000	800	-10,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	378,900	378,200	366,400	700	12,500
Railroad Transportation	25,400	25,200	24,300	200	1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,400	178,800	167,500	600	11,900
Transportation by Air	35,700	35,500	35,400	200	300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,400	96,300	95,600	100	800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,700	77,900	79,000	-200	-1,300
Electric Services	43,600	43,600	43,800	0	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,900	29,000	30,100	-100	-1,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,583,500	1,574,000	1,535,700	9,500	47,800
Wholesale Trade	442,100	441,200	433,000	900	9,100
Retail Trade	1,141,400	1,132,800	1,102,700	8,600	38,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,800	53,400	50,800	1,400	4,000
General Merchandise Stores	142,600	142,300	140,200	300	2,400
Food Stores	206,300	205,800	197,000	500	9,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,100	131,300	128,200	900	3,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,200	76,700	76,300	500	900
Other Retail Trade	528,400	523,300	510,200	5,100	18,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	401,900	401,600	388,400	300	13,500
Banking	103,100	102,900	102,900	200	200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	123,000	123,400	121,800	-400	1,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	175,800	175,300	163,700	500	12,100
Services	1,216,100	1,205,300	1,169,400	10,800	46,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,500	76,600	75,300	-100	1,200
Personal Services	74,200	73,200	74,300	1,000	-100
Business & Repair Services	320,300	316,800	304,200	3,500	16,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,100	49,800	48,900	4,300	5,200
Health Services	343,400	343,500	333,800	-100	9,600
Educational Services	65,500	64,700	58,700	800	6,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,100	280,700	274,200	1,400	7,900
Total Government	1,077,000	1,076,000	1,049,400	1,000	27,600
Total Federal Government	180,800	180,200	172,500	600	8,300
Total State Government	222,300	222,100	222,400	200	-100
Total Local Government	673,900	673,700	654,500	200	19,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**	Apr. '84*	Mar. '84**	Apr. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	77,700	76,100	101,300	100,400	95,800	345,300	343,400	319,800
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,500	4,000	4,700	4,900	5,100	12,900	11,600	12,600
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.5	5.3	4.6	4.9	5.3	3.7	3.4	3.9
Total Employment 2/	74,100	74,200	72,100	96,600	95,500	90,700	332,400	331,800	307,200
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	180,700	179,700	180,000	93,500	93,000	90,000	56,500	56,600	54,100
Total Unemployment	21,900	21,600	25,000	13,600	13,600	13,800	2,200	2,200	2,400
Percent Unemployed	12.1	12.0	13.9	14.5	14.6	15.3	3.9	3.9	4.4
Total Employment 2/	158,800	158,100	155,000	79,900	79,400	76,200	54,300	54,400	51,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	168,100	166,800	167,800	1,879.4	1,865.6	1,765.9	198,300	198,300	194,900
Total Unemployment	15,200	15,400	17,300	73.7	73.1	91.9	19,400	19,700	24,700
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.2	10.3	3.9	3.9	5.2	9.8	9.9	12.7
Total Employment 2/	152,900	151,400	150,500	1,805.7	1,792.5	1,674.0	178,900	178,600	170,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	91,500	91,600	90,600	1,774.3	1,770.7	1,745.8	76,300	75,700	71,200
Total Unemployment	9,500	9,400	11,300	128.8	129.3	167.6	4,000	4,000	4,500
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.3	12.5	7.3	7.3	9.6	5.2	5.3	6.3
Total Employment 2/	82,000	82,200	79,300	1,645.5	1,641.4	1,578.2	72,300	71,700	66,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,400	40,600	42,200	79,600	79,700	79,600	114,700	114,600	112,200
Total Unemployment	8,400	8,600	11,700	7,000	7,200	8,900	7,000	7,100	6,400
Percent Unemployed	20.8	21.2	27.7	8.8	9.0	11.2	6.1	6.2	5.7
Total Employment 2/	32,000	32,000	30,500	72,600	72,500	70,700	107,700	107,500	105,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	119,800	122,700	118,000	69,900	70,600	63,100	74,800	74,900	72,000
Total Unemployment	27,500	30,500	21,700	2,900	3,000	3,600	4,200	4,400	6,800
Percent Unemployed	23.0	24.9	18.4	4.1	4.2	5.7	5.6	5.9	9.4
Total Employment 2/	92,300	92,200	96,300	67,000	67,600	59,500	70,600	70,500	65,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	50,700	49,300	521,600	520,600	490,800	40,300	40,300	40,000
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,300	2,600	26,400	26,400	29,000	2,300	2,400	3,400
Percent Unemployed	4.3	4.5	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.9	5.7	6.0	8.5
Total Employment 2/	48,600	48,400	46,700	495,200	494,200	461,800	38,000	37,900	36,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,400	53,100	51,000	78,900	78,700	75,800	37,600	37,500	37,800
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,600	4,900	3,800	3,700	4,800	2,600	2,700	3,800
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.7	9.6	4.8	4.7	6.3	6.9	7.2	10.1
Total Employment 2/	48,900	48,500	46,100	75,100	75,000	71,000	35,000	34,800	34,000
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,900	92,300	87,900	68,900	68,700	66,200	7,821.5	7,790.2	7,534.2
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,200	5,000	3,200	3,300	4,600	504.4	509.3	607.7
Percent Unemployed	4.3	4.6	5.7	4.6	4.8	6.9	6.4	6.5	8.1
Total Employment 2/	88,900	88,100	82,900	65,700	65,400	61,600	7,317.1	7,280.9	6,926.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. ± 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. ± 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. ± 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$380.03	\$378.78	\$355.12	41.9	41.9	40.4	\$ 9.07	\$ 9.04	\$ 8.79
Durable Goods	372.91	370.82	346.46	41.9	41.9	40.1	8.90	8.85	8.64
Lumber & Wood Products	253.43	256.59	249.02	40.1	40.6	40.1	6.32	6.32	6.21
Furniture & Fixtures	223.87	227.95	223.11	38.4	39.1	38.6	5.83	5.83	5.78
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	373.12	365.64	351.34	44.0	44.0	44.7	8.48	8.31	7.86
Primary Metal Industries	407.22	403.35	405.21	41.3	41.2	38.3	9.86	9.79	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	357.47	352.51	339.46	40.9	40.8	38.4	8.74	8.64	8.84
Machinery, Exc. Electric	381.81	384.33	337.39	42.9	42.9	39.6	8.90	8.96	8.52
Oil Field Machinery	483.12	484.92	417.64	44.9	44.9	39.7	10.76	10.80	10.52
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	385.63	384.06	342.68	41.6	41.7	39.8	9.27	9.21	8.61
Transportation Equipment	523.03	507.35	472.58	44.1	43.4	41.6	11.86	11.69	11.36
Instr. & Related Products	304.19	306.15	301.04	38.8	39.1	38.3	7.84	7.83	7.86
Misc. Mfg. Industries	266.74	269.89	293.66	39.4	39.4	40.9	6.77	6.85	7.18
Nondurable Goods	387.90	388.74	366.38	41.8	41.8	40.8	9.28	9.30	8.98
Food & Kindred Products	332.73	335.91	311.06	41.8	42.2	41.2	7.96	7.96	7.55
Meat Products	271.73	279.81	276.86	40.8	41.7	41.2	6.66	6.71	6.72
Malt Beverages	733.60	725.66	659.63	45.2	45.1	44.6	16.23	16.09	14.79
Textile Mill Products	287.86	277.89	261.67	42.9	41.6	41.8	6.71	6.68	6.26
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	192.08	191.78	175.90	39.2	38.9	36.8	4.90	4.93	4.78
Paper & Allied Products	432.37	413.76	404.12	44.3	43.1	43.5	9.76	9.60	9.29
Printing & Publishing	349.70	347.54	325.12	40.9	40.6	39.6	8.55	8.56	8.21
Chemicals & Allied Products	586.04	591.35	558.53	41.8	42.3	41.9	14.02	13.98	13.33
Petroleum & Coal Products	632.95	638.76	614.08	44.7	44.7	43.8	14.16	14.29	14.02
Petroleum Refining	648.15	654.98	627.65	44.7	44.8	43.8	14.50	14.62	14.33
Leather & Leather Products	203.29	210.72	187.56	37.3	37.9	38.2	5.45	5.56	4.91
Other Nondurable Goods	397.33	396.94	348.30	44.6	44.7	43.0	8.91	8.88	8.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	487.90	483.71	470.37	46.6	46.6	45.8	10.47	10.38	10.27
Oil & Gas Extraction	491.16	486.86	473.11	46.6	46.5	45.8	10.54	10.47	10.33
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	423.44	401.38	405.26	47.9	47.5	46.0	8.84	8.45	8.81
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	421.40	421.89	384.31	39.2	39.1	37.9	10.75	10.79	10.14
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.97	426.22	408.39	40.8	40.4	41.8	10.71	10.55	9.77
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.70	236.31	227.80	34.7	34.7	34.0	6.85	6.81	6.70
Wholesale Trade	365.42	362.91	349.84	40.2	40.1	39.8	9.09	9.05	8.79
Retail Trade	191.30	190.57	183.11	32.7	32.8	31.9	5.85	5.81	5.74
General Mdse. Stores	154.18	152.88	163.30	29.2	28.9	29.8	5.28	5.29	5.48
Banking	264.00	254.56	240.29	40.0	39.9	37.9	6.60	6.38	6.34

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	370.24	370.40	347.84	41.6	41.9	40.4	8.90	8.84	8.61
Durable Goods	388.83	386.90	365.72	41.9	42.1	40.5	9.28	9.19	9.03
Nondurable Goods	328.02	333.27	309.14	40.9	41.4	40.2	8.02	8.05	7.69
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.39	471.71	438.29	43.1	43.0	41.0	11.03	10.97	10.69
Durable Goods	417.31	412.04	383.36	43.2	43.1	40.1	9.66	9.56	9.56
Nondurable Goods	548.69	546.56	509.41	42.9	42.8	42.1	12.79	12.77	12.10
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	285.76	276.45	272.83	41.9	41.2	41.4	6.82	6.71	6.59
Durable Goods	314.89	301.44	299.20	42.9	42.1	42.2	7.34	7.16	7.09
Nondurable Goods	255.22	250.67	246.24	40.9	40.3	40.5	6.24	6.22	6.08

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The recent upswing in construction has generated growth in lumber and wood products, which added 800 jobs over the month. Electric and electronic equipment continued to exhibit steady expansion, with 700 additions in April. This industry has contributed more growth over the past year than any other manufacturing sector, with 6,300 new jobs between April 1983 and April 1984.

Primary metal industries recorded moderate growth in April, as did fabricated metal products. Increased consumer demand spurred smaller gains in instruments and related products and in stone, clay and glass products. The only durable goods sector which declined over the month was transportation equipment, where layoffs occurred in ship and boat building and repair and in aircraft and parts.

The largest over-the-month increase in nondurable goods was in the newspapers, books and miscellaneous publishing segment of printing and publishing. Apparel and other finished textile products also recorded a moderate gain in April. Most other nondurable goods sectors experienced only minimal changes. A seasonal layoff in the refining of raw sugar cane and cane sugar was partially responsible for the downturn in food and kindred products over the month.

HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

The average number of hours worked by a manufacturing production worker remained unchanged over the month at 41.9, while average hourly earnings climbed modestly, from \$9.04 in March to \$9.07 in April. An average worker in April was earning \$380.03 a week, up \$1.25 from the March average. Most of the increase was generated by durable goods industries, where hourly earnings were up 5¢ over the month. The number of production workers rose again in April, to 660,900 -- up 1,500 from March.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1983
Total Population	16,215,500	15,099,900
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	3.0
UI Covered Employers	297,935	292,511
Total Claims Actions	439,621	778,784
Total Initial Claims Actions	51,297	75,463
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	388,324	703,321
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$134.67	\$135.22
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$45,423,006	\$87,305,073
Total Placements	45,519	37,303

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA First Quarter January 1 - March 31, 1984

Abilene	\$ 1,323,798
Amarillo	2,225,417
Austin	2,514,814
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	11,407,289
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	4,972,768
Bryan-College Station	641,220
Corpus Christi	6,283,732
Dallas-Fort Worth	23,456,881
El Paso	7,131,111
Galveston-Texas City	4,061,427
Houston	58,652,767
Killeen-Temple	801,653
Laredo	2,506,170
Longview-Marshall	3,279,325
Lubbock	2,952,885
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	9,494,158
Midland	1,103,883
Odessa	1,792,675
San Angelo	567,220
San Antonio	7,152,438
Sherman-Denison	927,106
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	938,399
Tyler	1,361,348
Victoria	1,115,593
Waco	1,494,120
Wichita Falls	1,520,676

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VICTORIA ESTIMATES PUBLISHED

Beginning with this issue, monthly estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the Victoria MSA will be published in this newsletter. Civilian labor force estimates for the Victoria MSA have been included for some time. With the addition of the Victoria wage and salary series, we are now publishing civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary estimates for all 26 of the major metropolitan areas in the State.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS

Continued improvement in the Texas economy was confirmed by the May labor force estimates, as the unemployment rate in the actual series declined from 6.4 percent in April to 5.6 percent in May. The number of jobless in May totaled 442,100, down 62,300 over the month. Comparison with year-ago rates reveals how healthy the Texas economy is now. In May 1983, the actual unemployment rate was 8.0 percent.

Total employment rose by 165,300 in the actual series over the month, to 7,482,400 -- a new record level. In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment also dropped significantly, from 6.8 percent in April to 5.7 percent in May. The adjusted unemployment total declined by 75,000 over the month, to 457,000 at mid-May. Employment was up by 209,000 in May, totaling 7,531,000 in the adjusted series.

The U. S. actual unemployment rate also dipped between April and May, from 7.6 percent to 7.2 percent, as the National recovery continued. A slightly smaller drop was recorded in the seasonally adjusted series, from 7.8 percent in April to 7.5 percent in May.

SALARIED NONFARM JOBS INCREASE

Almost 20,000 new jobs were added to the nonagricultural wage and salary employment total between April and May 1984, with increases throughout most of the major

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,250.0	112,153.0	110,308.0
Unemployment	8,154.0	8,525.0	10,765.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.6	9.8
Total Employment	105,096.0	103,628.0	99,543.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,802.0	113,245.0	110,950.0
Unemployment	8,514.0	8,843.0	11,188.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.8	10.1
Total Employment	105,288.0	104,402.0	99,762.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,924.5	7,821.5	7,471.6
Unemployment	442.1	504.4	596.3
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.4	8.0
Total Employment	7,482.4	7,317.1	6,875.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,988.0	7,854.0	7,533.0
Unemployment	457.0	532.0	610.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	6.8	8.1
Total Employment	7,531.0	7,322.0	6,923.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83*	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,800	57,900	57,800	79,700	79,200	77,100	299,400	298,700	283,600
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,900	9,600	9,700	9,700	34,800	34,800	33,100
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	800	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	3,800	3,800	19,500	19,200	16,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,100	6,800	6,500	6,400	8,100	8,200	8,000
Trade	15,100	15,100	14,900	24,100	24,000	22,700	67,700	67,500	63,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,200	4,400	4,400	4,100	18,800	18,600	18,000
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,700	13,200	14,700	14,700	14,700	60,000	59,700	56,500
Government	9,700	9,700	9,400	14,200	14,200	13,700	89,700	89,900	86,700
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	141,500	139,900	141,200	63,200	63,300	61,400	46,300	46,600	45,300
Manufacturing	32,000	31,800	32,400	10,800	11,000	10,800	3,100	3,100	3,000
Mining	2,600	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	1,200	1,100	1,100
Construction	8,800	8,000	10,000	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,100	3,100	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	11,600	11,800	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	33,700	33,300	32,600	17,200	17,000	16,600	9,900	10,000	9,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	27,000	26,700	26,100	11,500	11,500	10,700	6,700	6,800	6,600
Government	20,100	20,300	20,200	14,100	14,200	13,600	18,600	18,800	18,200
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH			EL PASO		
TOTAL	129,500	128,900	129,400	1,648.8	1,645.0	1,576.9	168,200	166,900	164,700
Manufacturing	14,600	14,500	13,800	318.0	317.7	305.5	37,300	37,200	35,900
Mining	7,400	7,300	7,200	28.1	28.1	28.9	--	--	--
Construction	10,100	10,200	12,200	100.8	100.6	93.7	9,400	9,100	8,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,500	7,600	7,500	99.8	99.7	96.7	9,600	9,600	9,900
Trade	32,500	32,300	31,900	439.7	437.6	423.2	40,700	40,100	39,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,500	6,400	136.2	135.8	126.2	8,000	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,000	23,700	23,800	334.6	334.1	316.1	28,400	28,000	28,300
Government	26,800	26,800	26,600	191.6	191.4	186.6	34,800	34,900	34,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,800	68,600	68,500	1,525.3	1,518.2	1,501.8	63,100	62,500	59,600
Manufacturing	9,800	9,800	10,600	198.3	197.7	201.9	8,800	8,800	8,000
Mining	800	900	700	101.1	100.4	98.2	--	--	--
Construction	4,200	4,200	4,000	130.6	130.4	136.1	4,000	3,900	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,900	6,000	6,000	104.3	104.2	104.6	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	-12,500	12,400	12,800	370.3	368.1	365.2	15,100	14,900	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	107.6	106.6	105.1	2,500	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,700	10,600	10,700	328.2	325.7	309.8	11,300	11,300	10,900
Government	20,400	20,200	19,200	184.9	185.1	180.9	18,400	18,200	18,100

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MA. SHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,700	30,300	29,500	67,400	67,200	67,200	91,200	91,600	91,700
Manufacturing	2,000	1,900	1,700	14,700	14,800	15,000	9,200	9,300	12,600
Mining	1,200	1,100	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	400
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,400	4,700	4,700	4,900	4,300	4,300	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,600	4,700	4,500
Trade	9,100	9,000	9,000	17,400	17,200	16,700	26,800	26,900	25,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,100	5,100	4,800	11,100	11,000	11,000	19,400	19,300	18,600
Government	7,400	7,400	7,000	8,400	8,400	8,100	21,000	21,200	20,600
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	78,000	78,000	77,900	56,800	55,300	50,300	58,300	57,900	54,300
Manufacturing	10,100	9,800	9,500	3,900	3,900	3,600	5,900	5,900	6,100
Mining	1,300	1,400	1,400	12,700	12,500	12,100	8,600	8,500	8,400
Construction	5,000	5,000	5,200	3,500	3,300	3,800	4,200	4,600	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	3,000	2,900	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,200	24,400	25,000	13,900	13,500	11,500	18,000	17,500	15,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,100	4,000	3,900	3,500	2,400	2,300	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,400	10,900	9,800	9,300	7,900	8,900	8,900	7,800
Government	20,000	20,000	20,200	6,000	6,000	5,200	7,300	7,200	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,600	37,500	37,200	455,300	452,800	434,600	34,700	34,500	34,400
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600	51,200	50,800	48,800	11,600	11,600	11,200
Mining	700	700	900	3,500	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	32,200	32,200	30,800	1,200	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,600	18,500	17,900	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,300	9,200	8,900	117,600	116,300	109,900	7,100	6,800	7,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,500	32,700	32,500	31,000	1,300	1,300	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,500	98,800	98,700	94,100	6,300	6,300	6,300
Government	6,900	6,900	6,600	100,700	100,300	98,800	4,900	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	46,700	46,600	45,800	58,400	58,000	57,100	28,500	28,300	28,300
Manufacturing	8,800	8,700	8,500	12,300	12,200	11,700	3,000	3,000	3,100
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,400	2,400	2,800
Construction	2,000	1,800	1,900	2,500	2,400	2,600	2,400	2,300	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	1,900	2,900	3,000	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	10,700	11,000	10,600	14,700	14,600	14,400	7,700	7,600	7,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,100	3,200	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	8,100	11,800	11,700	11,600	5,500	5,500	5,200
Government	12,800	12,700	13,000	8,100	8,100	7,800	4,300	4,300	4,100
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	77,200	75,900	73,200	53,900	53,500	52,000			
Manufacturing	16,200	15,600	15,400	9,600	9,200	8,500			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,200	4,100	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,000			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	2,800	2,800	2,800			
Trade	19,600	19,400	18,100	13,500	13,400	13,100			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,600	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	17,700	17,400	16,600	9,300	9,300	9,100			
Government	11,700	11,600	11,600	10,800	10,900	10,800			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

The hiring of temporary workers in the federal and local sectors generated 2,100 additions in government between April and May. Employment in the state portion was unchanged over the month. An additional 1,500 jobs were created in finance, insurance and real estate in May. Most of the growth occurred among insurance agents and brokers and among loan officers and credit agencies in other finance, insurance and real estate.

Although mining recorded only 900 new jobs in May, that was the largest increase for this sector since January 1984 when 1,500 jobs were added. The majority of the gain was, as usual, in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining.

Job growth in manufacturing slowed over the month, as only 2,900 positions were added. The majority of the advance was centered in durable goods, where gains were fairly widespread. The single durable goods sector which showed the most growth in May was electric and electronic equipment. This industry has produced 7,700 new jobs between May 1983 and May 1984.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry				Change From	Change From
	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	Apr. 1984	May 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,336,300	6,316,400	6,154,800	19,900	181,500
Manufacturing	986,300	983,400	954,300	2,900	32,000
Durable Goods	569,100	567,000	544,600	2,100	24,500
Lumber & Wood Products	42,300	41,800	39,800	500	2,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,600	7,300	100	400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,700	16,400	-100	1,200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,700	48,200	44,600	500	4,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,700	22,500	20,500	200	2,200
Primary Metal Industries	35,500	35,100	33,200	400	2,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	79,700	81,000	79,500	-1,300	200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,700	43,800	43,300	-100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	134,400	133,700	130,900	700	3,500
Oil Field Machinery	43,800	43,500	42,500	300	1,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	101,900	100,900	94,200	1,000	7,700
Transportation Equipment	73,500	73,100	71,000	400	2,500
Aircraft & Parts	37,200	37,100	37,500	100	-300
Instruments & Related Products	23,300	23,200	22,600	100	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,300	12,400	-100	-200
Nondurable Goods	417,200	416,400	409,700	800	7,500
Food & Kindred Products	95,600	94,800	92,000	800	3,600
Meat Products	23,800	23,800	24,600	0	-800
Dairy Products	4,900	4,800	4,800	100	100
Bakery Products	13,000	12,800	10,600	200	2,400
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	62,600	62,500	61,400	100	1,200
Paper & Allied Products	22,200	22,100	21,800	100	400
Printing & Publishing	71,700	71,700	68,300	0	3,400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,700	35,900	34,900	-200	800
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,700	76,800	77,600	-100	-900
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,700	42,800	44,000	-100	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	39,500	39,600	40,900	-100	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,200	8,900	0	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,500	30,800	0	1,700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,350,000	5,333,000	5,200,500	17,000	149,500
Mining	267,200	266,300	259,400	900	7,800
Oil & Gas Extraction	257,300	256,500	249,600	800	7,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,900	9,800	9,800	100	100
Construction	408,700	406,000	420,400	2,700	-11,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,000	379,700	369,000	300	11,000
Railroad Transportation	25,300	25,400	24,200	-100	1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,500	180,300	169,300	200	11,200
Transportation by Air	35,600	35,700	36,400	-100	-800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,400	96,300	96,500	100	-100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,800	77,700	79,000	100	-1,200
Electric Services	43,700	43,600	43,900	100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,800	28,900	30,000	-100	-1,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,590,600	1,585,000	1,541,600	5,600	49,000
Wholesale Trade	442,700	442,000	431,600	700	11,100
Retail Trade	1,147,900	1,143,000	1,110,000	4,900	37,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,400	54,800	51,700	600	3,700
General Merchandise Stores	142,500	142,400	139,400	100	3,100
Food Stores	207,700	206,300	198,300	1,400	9,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,600	132,100	129,000	500	3,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,100	77,100	76,300	0	800
Other Retail Trade	532,600	530,300	515,300	2,300	17,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	403,800	402,300	398,400	1,500	5,400
Banking	103,300	103,100	103,200	200	100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,000	123,400	121,700	600	2,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	176,500	175,800	165,100	700	11,400
Services	1,219,700	1,215,800	1,171,600	3,900	48,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,700	76,900	75,700	800	2,000
Personal Services	73,400	73,900	72,600	-500	800
Business & Repair Services	325,100	321,000	305,600	4,100	19,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,400	52,000	51,700	1,400	1,700
Health Services	344,000	343,900	333,700	100	10,300
Educational Services	62,900	65,500	56,800	-2,600	6,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	283,200	282,600	275,500	600	7,700
Total Government	1,080,000	1,077,900	1,048,500	2,100	31,500
Total Federal Government	182,000	180,800	174,000	1,200	8,000
Total State Government	222,500	222,500	220,800	0	1,700
Total Local Government	675,500	674,600	653,700	900	21,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**	May '84*	Apr. '84**	May '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,400	77,600	75,100	102,800	100,900	94,700	351,600	345,800	317,600
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,600	3,800	4,400	4,700	4,800	11,300	12,900	13,500
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.7	5.1	3.2	3.7	4.3
Total Employment 2/	75,400	74,000	71,300	98,400	96,200	89,900	340,300	332,900	304,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	180,800	180,900	177,300	93,300	93,500	89,000	57,100	56,600	53,900
Total Unemployment	19,100	22,000	24,600	11,800	13,600	13,500	2,000	2,200	2,500
Percent Unemployed	10.6	12.2	13.9	12.6	14.5	15.2	3.5	3.9	4.6
Total Employment 2/	161,700	158,900	152,700	81,500	79,900	75,500	55,100	54,400	51,400
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,200	168,000	166,200	1,905.3	1,876.6	1,754.6	200,800	198,600	193,500
Total Unemployment	13,400	15,200	18,400	66.3	73.6	91.4	17,200	19,400	23,800
Percent Unemployed	7.9	9.0	11.1	3.5	3.9	5.2	8.6	9.8	12.3
Total Employment 2/	155,800	152,800	147,800	1,839.0	1,803.0	1,663.2	183,600	179,200	169,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	93,000	92,200	90,500	1,796.9	1,773.7	1,727.6	77,500	76,300	70,600
Total Unemployment	8,400	9,500	10,900	114.7	128.8	166.0	3,500	4,000	4,400
Percent Unemployed	9.0	10.3	12.0	6.4	7.3	9.6	4.5	5.2	6.2
Total Employment 2/	84,600	82,700	79,600	1,682.2	1,644.9	1,561.6	74,000	72,300	66,200
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,300	40,300	41,000	80,100	79,700	78,900	115,600	114,800	111,100
Total Unemployment	6,800	8,300	10,700	6,200	7,000	9,100	6,000	7,000	6,600
Percent Unemployed	17.3	20.6	26.1	7.7	8.8	11.5	5.2	6.1	5.9
Total Employment 2/	32,500	32,000	30,300	73,900	72,700	69,800	109,600	107,800	104,500
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	118,600	119,800	113,600	72,400	70,400	62,900	76,800	75,300	71,200
Total Unemployment	21,700	27,500	18,700	2,600	2,900	3,600	3,700	4,200	6,900
Percent Unemployed	18.3	23.0	16.5	3.6	4.1	5.7	4.8	5.6	9.7
Total Employment 2/	96,900	92,300	94,900	69,800	67,500	59,300	73,100	71,100	64,300
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,400	50,600	48,800	533,800	523,800	488,700	40,900	40,300	39,600
Total Unemployment	1,900	2,200	2,600	24,300	26,400	29,200	2,000	2,300	3,200
Percent Unemployed	3.7	4.3	5.3	4.6	5.0	6.0	4.9	5.7	8.1
Total Employment 2/	49,500	48,400	46,200	509,500	497,400	459,500	38,900	38,000	36,400
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,800	53,300	51,200	79,600	78,900	74,800	37,900	37,500	37,600
Total Unemployment	4,200	4,500	5,000	3,300	3,800	4,700	2,100	2,600	3,800
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.4	9.8	4.1	4.8	6.3	5.5	6.9	10.1
Total Employment 2/	49,600	48,800	46,200	76,300	75,100	70,100	35,800	34,900	33,800
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,000	92,800	87,000	70,100	68,900	65,900	7,924.5	7,821.5	7,471.6
Total Unemployment	3,800	4,000	4,600	2,900	3,200	4,500	442.1	504.4	596.3
Percent Unemployed	4.0	4.3	5.3	4.1	4.6	6.8	5.6	6.4	8.0
Total Employment 2/	91,200	88,800	82,400	67,200	65,700	61,400	7,482.4	7,317.1	6,875.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May ±	Apr.	May	May ±	Apr.	May	May ±	Apr.	May
	1984	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$375.65	\$378.71	\$357.21	41.6	41.8	40.5	\$ 9.03	\$ 9.06	\$ 8.82
Durable Goods	368.16	372.07	347.20	41.6	41.9	40.0	8.85	8.88	8.68
Lumber & Wood Products	251.62	251.06	246.96	39.5	39.6	39.2	6.37	6.34	6.30
Furniture & Fixtures	220.80	221.54	224.64	38.2	38.0	38.4	5.78	5.83	5.85
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	374.00	373.89	343.29	44.0	44.3	43.4	8.50	8.44	7.91
Primary Metal Industries	399.84	405.25	407.12	40.8	41.1	38.7	9.80	9.86	10.52
Fabricated Metal Products	350.96	355.52	345.93	41.0	41.1	39.0	8.56	8.65	8.87
Machinery, Exc. Electric	377.40	378.25	335.16	42.5	42.5	39.2	8.88	8.90	8.55
Oil Field Machinery	465.04	471.96	414.22	43.3	43.7	39.3	10.74	10.80	10.54
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	374.33	388.41	346.58	41.0	41.9	40.3	9.13	9.27	8.60
Transportation Equipment	513.30	523.03	472.58	43.5	44.1	41.6	11.80	11.86	11.36
Instr. & Related Products	299.51	301.09	311.15	38.3	38.8	38.7	7.82	7.76	8.04
Misc. Mfg. Industries	266.85	266.34	297.98	39.3	39.4	41.1	6.79	6.76	7.25
Nondurable Goods	386.56	388.32	371.21	41.7	41.8	41.2	9.27	9.29	9.01
Food & Kindred Products	330.49	329.93	323.25	42.1	41.5	42.2	7.85	7.95	7.66
Meat Product-	297.47	272.39	307.12	44.8	40.9	44.0	6.64	6.66	6.98
Malt Beverages	738.06	733.60	635.47	46.1	45.2	43.2	16.01	16.23	14.71
Textile Mill Products	278.81	289.58	261.86	41.8	42.9	42.1	6.67	6.75	6.22
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	191.69	192.57	183.46	39.2	39.3	38.3	4.89	4.90	4.79
Paper & Allied Products	431.12	432.37	410.29	44.4	44.3	44.5	9.71	9.76	9.22
Printing & Publishing	343.31	348.84	331.10	40.2	40.8	39.7	8.54	8.55	8.34
Chemicals & Allied Products	603.78	586.87	569.61	42.7	41.8	42.1	14.14	14.14	13.53
Petroleum & Coal Products	619.96	632.95	603.07	44.0	44.7	43.2	14.09	14.26	13.96
Petroleum Refining	635.80	649.04	616.59	44.0	44.7	43.3	14.45	14.52	14.24
Leather & Leather Products	206.08	197.62	192.89	36.8	36.8	38.5	5.60	5.37	5.01
Other Nondurable Goods	388.43	405.90	341.12	43.4	45.0	41.6	8.95	9.02	8.20
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	488.70	488.37	480.70	46.9	46.6	46.4	10.42	10.48	10.36
Oil & Gas Extraction	491.51	491.63	484.88	46.9	46.6	46.4	10.48	10.55	10.45
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	424.91	428.71	379.29	46.9	47.9	45.1	9.06	8.95	8.41
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	422.97	421.79	384.80	39.2	39.2	37.8	10.79	10.76	10.18
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	423.07	437.38	404.91	39.8	40.8	40.9	10.63	10.72	9.90
Wholesale & Retail Trade	240.10	236.65	229.83	35.0	34.7	34.1	6.86	6.82	6.74
Wholesale Trade	364.91	364.61	353.51	40.5	40.2	39.9	9.01	9.07	8.86
Retail Trade	195.36	190.97	184.64	33.0	32.7	32.0	5.92	5.84	5.77
General Mdse. Stores	160.19	153.70	166.10	29.5	29.0	30.2	5.43	5.30	5.50
Banking	255.57	263.20	244.50	39.5	40.0	37.5	6.47	6.58	6.52

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$370.30	\$370.24	\$349.92	41.7	41.6	40.5	\$ 8.88	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.64
Durable Goods	386.23	388.41	366.21	41.8	41.9	40.6	9.24	9.27	9.02
Nondurable Goods	333.68	329.25	313.94	41.4	40.9	40.3	8.06	8.05	7.79
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	469.52	411.94	542.72	42.8	43.0	42.4	10.97	9.58	12.80
Durable Goods	470.37	412.27	544.43	42.8	42.9	42.7	10.99	9.61	12.75
Nondurable Goods	438.86	382.08	512.68	40.9	39.8	42.3	10.73	9.60	12.12
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	284.66	284.39	272.30	41.8	41.7	41.7	6.81	6.82	6.53
Durable Goods	313.85	315.44	292.73	42.7	42.8	41.7	7.35	7.37	7.02
Nondurable Goods	253.99	252.13	252.89	40.9	40.6	41.8	6.21	6.21	6.05

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ‡Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Nonelectrical machinery also reported growth over the month, as 700 new positions were created. Although the gains were spread throughout this industry, most of the increase was concentrated in oil field machinery. The acceleration in construction has generated higher demand for lumber and wood products and for stone, clay and glass products, producing new jobs.

Smaller growth was registered in primary metal industries, transportation equipment, and instruments and related products. Widespread labor-management disputes in fabricated metal industries dropped employment by 1,300 over the month. Moderate losses were recorded in furniture and fixtures and in miscellaneous manufacturing industries.

Nondurable goods was only able to produce a total of 800 new jobs over the month, as gains and losses were interspersed among its industries. The most significant increase occurred in food and kindred products, as seasonal harvesting of preserved fruits and vegetables was active.

Apparel and other finished textile products had a small increase over the month, as did paper and allied products. Minor downturns were registered in chemicals and allied products and in petroleum and coal products. Other nondurable goods categories remained stable between April and May. The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 3,600 over the month, to total 664,200 at mid-May.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

Both the number of hours worked and the average hourly wage for manufacturing production workers in Texas dropped between April and May. Average weekly hours worked was down 0.2 hour over the month, while hourly earnings declined by 3¢. The combined effect of these decreases was a drop of \$3.06 in average weekly earnings in May. An average worker put in 41.6 hours per week at \$9.03 per hour, and averaged \$375.65 per week in May.

One industry experienced a notable change over the month. Employment expansion in electric and electronic equipment brought hourly earnings down as more lower-paid workers were hired, and less overtime was worked due to the expanded workforce.

Hours worked were up substantially from a year earlier, when only 40.5 hours were worked. Average hourly earnings also increased by 21¢ from the \$8.82 average for May 1983. Average weekly earnings rose \$18.44 over the year.

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	May 1984	May 1983
Total Population	16,252,600	15,696,700
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	2.7
UI Covered Employers	299,961	293,289
Total Claims Actions	439,380	705,737
Total Initial Claims Actions	51,749	71,956
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	387,631	633,781
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$136.75	\$135.72
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$46,077,043	\$79,964,172
Total Placements	45,277	37,035

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LABOR FORCE TOPS 8 MILLION

Over eight million Texans were participating in the labor force for the first time in June 1984. Although unemployment was up somewhat with the entrance of summer jobseekers into the labor market, most of the over-the-month increase was generated by employment, which rose by 163,300 in June. In the actual series, there were 7,645,700 employed persons at mid-June, with 444,700 unemployed, or 5.5 percent of the total labor force. The actual unemployment rate declined slightly from 5.6 percent in May, and was substantially below the June 1983 level of 8.5 percent.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the economy appeared even healthier, with the unemployment rate declining from May's 5.7 percent to 4.8 percent in June -- the lowest rate experienced in Texas since April 1981. Unemployment totaled 382,000 in the seasonally adjusted series, with 7,629,000 job-holders, for a total labor force of 8,011,000 at mid-June. Although the seasonally adjusted rate for the U. S. also declined in June, the drop was much smaller -- from 7.5 percent to 7.1 percent. The actual rate for the Nation rose from 7.2 percent to 7.4 percent over the month.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

With the exception of seasonal decreases in government, every major nonagricultural wage and salary employment category recorded substantial increases between May and June. The largest expansion occurred in the manufacturing sector, where both the durable and nondurable goods groups exhibited strong growth.

Durable goods contributed 2,900 new jobs over the month. The settlement of a labor-management dispute in fabricated metal products pushed employment upward in June, while increased demand created jobs in primary metal industries. Rejuvenated construction activities brought increased demand for lumber and wood products and

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,393.0	113,250.0	113,383.0
Unemployment	8,582.0	8,154.0	11,570.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.2	10.2
Total Employment	106,811.0	105,096.0	101,813.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,877.0	113,802.0	111,905.0
Unemployment	8,130.0	8,514.0	11,162.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.5	10.0
Total Employment	105,747.0	105,288.0	100,743.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,090.4	7,924.5	7,702.0
Unemployment	444.7	442.1	656.9
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.6	8.5
Total Employment	7,645.7	7,482.4	7,045.1
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,011.0	7,988.0	7,625.0
Unemployment	382.0	457.0	594.0
Percent Unemployed	4.8	5.7	7.8
Total Employment	7,629.0	7,531.0	7,031.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	June '84*	May '84**	June '83*	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,000	57,700	57,500	79,900	79,500	76,700	292,500	299,500	276,200
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	7,000	9,800	9,600	9,600	35,300	34,800	33,500
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,200	2,000	1,900	2,000	900	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,100	4,200	3,900	3,900	20,200	19,500	17,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,800	6,800	6,500	8,200	8,100	8,000
Trade	15,000	15,100	14,900	24,100	24,100	23,100	67,400	67,700	63,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,200	4,500	4,400	4,200	19,100	18,800	18,200
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,500	12,700	14,900	14,700	14,500	60,900	60,300	57,100
Government	9,600	9,800	9,200	13,600	14,100	12,900	80,500	89,500	78,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	142,300	141,700	141,100	62,800	63,000	60,900	44,300	46,100	42,600
Manufacturing	32,000	32,000	32,400	10,900	10,800	11,100	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	2,800	2,700	2,500	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,300	9,000	10,500	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,200	3,000	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,000	11,500	11,900	3,100	3,000	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trade	34,100	33,700	32,800	17,200	17,200	17,100	10,000	9,900	9,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,000	26,100	11,400	11,300	10,800	6,600	6,700	6,500
Government	19,000	20,100	19,200	13,700	14,100	12,100	16,500	18,600	15,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH			EL PASO		
TOTAL	129,800	129,700	128,100	1,655.6	1,650.2	1,585.8	169,000	168,100	164,600
Manufacturing	14,700	14,600	14,000	320.2	318.7	309.4	37,700	37,200	35,900
Mining	7,400	7,400	7,300	28.3	28.1	28.9	--	--	--
Construction	10,300	10,200	10,700	103.6	100.9	97.3	9,500	9,400	8,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,500	7,400	100.8	99.7	97.9	9,700	9,700	9,900
Trade	32,800	32,500	32,100	442.7	439.8	426.2	40,900	40,800	40,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,600	6,500	137.8	136.3	128.1	8,000	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,200	24,000	23,700	337.2	335.1	317.6	28,300	28,200	28,100
Government	26,400	26,900	26,400	185.0	191.6	180.4	34,900	34,800	34,100
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	69,600	68,900	68,900	1,525.8	1,523.9	1,500.1	63,900	63,000	59,900
Manufacturing	9,900	9,700	10,900	198.0	198.0	201.5	9,000	8,800	8,300
Mining	800	800	700	101.3	100.6	98.6	--	--	--
Construction	4,500	4,400	4,000	129.4	130.1	136.5	4,000	4,000	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,100	6,000	6,100	105.4	105.0	104.3	3,200	3,000	3,000
Trade	12,700	12,500	13,000	371.6	369.3	364.1	15,200	15,100	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,500	4,500	109.1	107.6	106.0	2,500	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,000	10,700	10,800	329.8	328.2	312.0	11,500	11,200	10,800
Government	20,000	20,300	18,900	181.2	185.1	177.1	18,500	18,500	17,900

2/ In Thousands

for stone, clay and glass products. Between January and June, electric and electronic equipment has added almost 4,000 positions, as it continues to rebound from the recession. Fluctuations which occurred in transportation equipment included temporary shut-downs in some segments and increased business in others, limiting over-the-month growth. Nonelectrical machinery recorded a modest gain in June, while furniture and fixtures and instruments and related products registered minor decreases.

A large portion of the expansion in nondurable goods was supplied by food and kindred products, which was helped by seasonal increases. Moderate expansion in men's and boys' apparel, women's and misses' outerwear, and women's and children's undergarments fueled the rise in apparel and other textile products. More modest gains were noted in paper and allied products, chemicals and allied products, and petroleum and coal products.

Heightened consumer demand gave a large boost to the oil and gas extraction portion of mining, which also reported the hiring of seasonal summer workers. Both the retail and wholesale portions of trade recorded fairly sizeable increases in June, but retail contributed two-thirds of the total gain of 4,300. Hot weather generated accelerated employment among automotive dealers and service stations; and general

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,400	30,600	29,800	67,500	67,200	67,500	90,400	91,500	88,900
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,700	14,800	14,500	15,000	9,600	9,300	11,600
Mining	1,300	1,200	1,200	4,800	4,700	4,900	500	500	400
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,500	4,800	4,800	5,100	4,200	4,300	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,700	3,600	3,700	4,600	4,600	4,500
Trade	9,100	9,100	9,000	17,100	17,400	17,000	27,100	26,900	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,300	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,100	4,800	11,200	11,100	11,100	19,100	19,400	18,500
Government	7,300	7,500	7,000	8,300	8,300	7,800	20,000	21,100	18,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,400	77,900	78,400	57,200	56,700	50,200	58,900	57,900	54,400
Manufacturing	10,500	10,100	10,300	3,800	3,900	3,500	5,800	5,800	6,100
Mining	1,400	1,300	1,500	13,100	12,700	12,200	8,900	8,600	8,500
Construction	5,000	5,000	5,100	3,600	3,400	3,700	4,500	4,200	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,700	2,600	3,000	3,000	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,000	24,100	24,900	14,000	13,900	11,800	17,800	17,700	15,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,000	4,000	3,500	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,400	10,900	10,000	9,800	8,100	9,200	8,900	8,000
Government	19,200	20,000	19,900	5,700	6,000	4,700	7,300	7,300	7,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,700	37,400	36,900	457,600	456,000	435,900	34,700	34,600	34,200
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600	51,800	51,400	49,700	11,700	11,600	11,100
Mining	800	700	900	3,500	3,500	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,500	33,100	32,200	31,400	1,200	1,200	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,900	18,600	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	9,300	9,200	8,800	118,700	117,600	110,600	7,000	7,000	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,500	33,200	32,800	31,600	1,300	1,300	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,400	7,500	99,400	99,500	93,700	6,300	6,300	6,300
Government	6,600	6,800	6,300	99,000	100,400	97,200	4,900	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	47,500	47,100	46,100	58,300	58,500	56,800	28,400	28,500	28,400
Manufacturing	9,100	8,900	8,700	12,200	12,300	11,600	3,000	3,000	3,100
Mining	100	100	100	2,800	2,900	3,100	2,300	2,400	2,700
Construction	2,300	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	2,900	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,700	14,600	14,600	14,400	7,800	7,700	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,600	8,200	11,900	11,900	11,500	5,500	5,500	5,200
Government	12,600	12,900	12,700	8,100	8,200	7,600	4,000	4,300	3,900
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	76,500	76,800	73,600	54,400	53,800	52,400			
Manufacturing	16,200	16,200	15,700	9,800	9,600	8,500			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,400	4,100	3,900	2,200	2,100	2,000			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,200	3,300	2,900	2,800	2,800			
Trade	19,600	19,600	18,500	13,500	13,500	13,200			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,600	4,700	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	16,800	17,400	16,200	9,600	9,300	9,300			
Government	6,100	6,400	6,200	10,700	10,800	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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merchandise stores also produced sizeable payroll increases. Growth in building materials and garden supplies slowed with the advent of hotter weather. Although employment in food stores rose moderately over the month, apparel and accessory stores lost ground.

Seasonal factors boosted employment in services so that, despite a large loss in educational services, the category as a whole increased by 3,400 in June. The decline in educational services came as schools and colleges closed for the summer, dropping employment by over 7,000. Seasonal influences were more favorable to the "other services and miscellaneous" category, where civic, social and fraternal organizations, engineering and architectural surveying, and agricultural services expanded substantially over the month. Business and repair services continued to add jobs, with sizeable increases in temporary help agencies and data processing services. Health services advanced moderately, with progress in most sectors.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry			Change From		Change From
	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	May 1984	June 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,347,900	6,337,600	6,176,800	10,300	171,100
Manufacturing	992,300	986,600	960,700	5,700	31,600
Durable Goods	571,700	568,800	548,000	2,900	23,700
Lumber & Wood Products	42,500	42,000	40,800	500	1,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,800	7,700	7,500	100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,500	16,500	-100	900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,800	48,500	45,500	300	3,300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,800	22,500	21,000	300	1,800
Primary Metal Industries	36,100	35,400	33,200	700	2,900
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,700	79,800	80,500	900	200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,900	43,700	44,000	200	-100
Machinery, Except Electrical	134,900	134,800	130,000	100	4,900
Oil Field Machinery	43,700	43,800	41,300	-100	2,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	102,300	101,900	95,300	400	7,000
Transportation Equipment	73,600	73,300	71,200	300	2,400
Aircraft & Parts	37,300	37,200	37,400	100	-100
Instruments & Related Products	23,200	23,300	22,500	-100	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,300	12,500	-100	-300
Nondurable Goods	420,600	417,800	412,700	2,800	7,900
Food & Kindred Products	97,500	95,600	93,700	1,900	3,800
Meat Products	24,000	23,800	25,000	200	-1,000
Dairy Products	5,100	5,000	4,900	100	200
Bakery Products	12,800	13,100	10,800	-300	2,000
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	63,300	62,800	61,800	500	1,500
Paper & Allied Products	22,500	22,200	22,000	300	500
Printing & Publishing	71,700	71,900	68,700	-200	3,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	35,700	35,100	-100	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,900	76,800	77,800	100	-900
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,900	42,800	44,000	100	-1,100
Petroleum Refining	39,600	39,600	40,900	0	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	8,300	8,300	8,700	0	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,400	31,100	100	1,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,355,600	5,351,000	5,216,100	4,600	139,500
Mining	271,800	267,200	259,700	4,600	12,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,900	257,400	249,800	4,500	12,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,900	9,800	9,900	100	0
Construction	411,900	408,900	429,400	3,000	-17,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,400	381,900	371,500	1,500	11,900
Railroad Transportation	25,500	25,300	24,600	200	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,100	182,200	171,700	900	11,400
Transportation by Air	35,700	35,700	37,300	0	-1,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,500	96,300	95,500	200	1,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,300	78,100	79,700	200	-1,400
Electric Services	44,100	44,000	44,300	100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,900	28,800	30,200	100	-1,300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,594,000	1,589,700	1,552,700	4,300	41,300
Wholesale Trade	444,000	442,600	433,600	1,400	10,400
Retail Trade	1,150,000	1,147,100	1,119,100	2,900	30,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,900	55,400	52,800	500	3,100
General Merchandise Stores	143,200	142,400	141,500	800	1,700
Food Stores	207,900	207,600	200,000	300	7,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,500	132,500	130,500	1,000	3,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,900	77,100	76,400	-200	500
Other Retail Trade	532,600	532,100	517,900	0	14,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	405,500	403,300	395,100	2,200	10,400
Banking	104,300	103,300	104,200	1,000	100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,200	123,600	122,400	600	1,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,000	176,400	168,500	600	8,500
Services	1,225,600	1,222,200	1,183,500	3,400	42,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,300	77,200	76,400	100	900
Personal Services	74,300	74,100	72,600	200	1,700
Business & Repair Services	329,000	327,100	308,900	1,900	20,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,600	53,900	54,700	700	-100
Health Services	345,800	344,400	337,000	1,400	8,800
Educational Services	54,800	62,000	52,200	-7,200	2,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	289,800	283,500	281,700	6,300	8,100
Total Government	1,063,400	1,077,800	1,024,200	-14,400	39,200
Total Federal Government	184,000	181,200	175,500	2,800	8,500
Total State Government	214,800	221,800	206,400	-7,000	8,400
Total Local Government	664,600	674,800	642,300	-10,200	22,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	78,300	77,100	105,600	102,800	98,200	351,500	351,500	319,400
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,000	4,200	4,300	4,400	5,400	11,200	11,200	14,400
Percent Unemployed	3.7	3.8	5.4	4.1	4.3	5.5	3.2	3.2	4.5
Total Employment 2/	76,300	75,300	72,900	101,300	98,400	92,800	340,300	340,300	305,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	185,500	180,800	183,400	94,100	93,200	91,300	56,400	57,100	52,500
Total Unemployment	20,100	19,100	27,300	11,400	11,800	14,600	2,100	2,000	2,600
Percent Unemployed	10.8	10.6	14.9	12.1	12.7	16.0	3.7	3.5	5.0
Total Employment 2/	165,400	161,700	156,100	82,700	81,400	76,700	54,300	55,100	49,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,700	169,400	170,100	1,949.9	1,907.0	1,814.9	205,800	200,700	198,800
Total Unemployment	13,400	13,400	21,200	67.4	66.3	102.5	17,500	17,200	25,100
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.9	12.5	3.5	3.5	5.6	8.5	8.6	12.6
Total Employment 2/	158,300	156,000	148,900	1,882.5	1,840.7	1,712.4	188,300	183,500	173,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,400	93,200	93,300	1,831.1	1,795.2	1,780.4	80,300	77,400	73,800
Total Unemployment	8,300	8,400	11,800	115.2	114.1	182.3	3,900	3,500	4,900
Percent Unemployed	8.7	9.0	12.6	6.3	6.4	10.2	4.9	4.5	6.6
Total Employment 2/	87,100	84,800	81,500	1,715.9	1,681.1	1,598.1	76,400	73,900	68,900
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,800	39,500	42,400	81,900	80,300	81,600	116,700	115,800	111,800
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,800	11,200	6,100	6,200	9,900	5,900	6,000	7,400
Percent Unemployed	16.3	17.2	26.4	7.4	7.7	12.1	5.1	5.2	6.6
Total Employment 2/	33,300	32,700	31,200	75,800	74,100	71,700	110,800	109,800	104,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	120,100	118,400	117,000	75,000	72,300	65,100	78,900	76,500	73,200
Total Unemployment	20,500	21,600	21,000	2,600	2,500	4,200	3,400	3,700	7,500
Percent Unemployed	17.1	18.2	17.9	3.5	3.5	6.5	4.3	4.8	10.2
Total Employment 2/	99,600	96,800	96,000	72,400	69,800	60,900	75,500	72,800	65,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,800	51,500	50,200	548,400	534,100	505,100	41,800	40,900	40,800
Total Unemployment	2,000	1,900	2,900	25,600	24,300	32,600	2,000	2,000	3,300
Percent Unemployed	3.8	3.7	5.8	4.7	4.5	6.5	4.8	4.9	8.1
Total Employment 2/	50,800	49,600	47,300	522,800	509,800	472,500	39,800	38,900	37,500
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,200	53,900	52,500	80,900	79,600	76,700	38,400	37,900	38,900
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,200	5,200	3,500	3,300	5,100	2,100	2,100	4,300
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.8	9.9	4.3	4.1	6.6	5.5	5.5	11.1
Total Employment 2/	50,900	49,700	47,300	77,400	76,300	71,600	36,300	35,800	34,600
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,700	94,600	90,000	71,800	70,000	68,200	8,090.4	7,924.5	7,702.0
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,800	5,200	2,800	2,900	4,700	444.7	442.1	656.9
Percent Unemployed	4.1	4.0	5.8	3.9	4.1	6.9	5.5	5.6	8.5
Total Employment 2/	92,700	90,800	84,800	69,000	67,100	63,500	7,645.7	7,482.4	7,045.1

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June± 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June± 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June± 1984	May 1984	June 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$379.61	\$377.80	\$364.15	41.9	41.7	41.1	\$ 9.06	\$ 9.06	\$ 8.86
Durable Goods	370.77	369.88	355.37	41.8	41.7	40.8	8.87	8.87	8.71
Lumber & Wood Products	249.48	256.40	249.55	39.6	40.0	39.8	6.30	6.41	6.27
Furniture & Fixtures	232.26	220.60	231.64	38.2	38.1	39.8	6.08	5.79	5.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	378.32	377.47	362.00	44.3	44.2	44.2	8.54	8.54	8.19
Primary Metal Industries	406.16	408.93	412.52	41.7	41.6	39.4	9.74	9.83	10.47
Fabricated Metal Products	352.77	349.76	351.35	41.6	41.1	39.7	8.48	8.51	8.85
Machinery, Exc. Electric	379.80	382.17	344.51	42.2	42.7	40.2	9.00	8.95	8.57
Oil Field Machinery	457.32	471.24	422.00	42.7	44.0	40.0	10.71	10.71	10.55
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	368.18	375.05	352.64	41.0	40.9	41.1	8.98	9.17	8.58
Transportation Equipment	526.11	512.00	483.84	44.1	43.5	42.0	11.93	11.77	11.52
Instr. & Related Products	293.75	290.68	325.22	38.1	37.8	40.5	7.71	7.69	8.03
Misc. Mfg. Industries	279.33	266.45	294.67	40.6	39.3	40.7	6.88	6.78	7.24
Nondurable Goods	391.02	388.23	375.99	42.0	41.7	41.5	9.31	9.31	9.06
Food & Kindred Products	337.88	335.44	315.53	42.5	42.3	41.3	7.95	7.93	7.64
Meat Products	280.79	292.16	286.90	43.0	44.0	41.7	6.53	6.64	6.88
Malt Beverages	757.47	749.12	680.71	46.7	46.5	45.2	16.22	16.11	15.06
Textile Mill Products	284.50	279.89	274.32	42.4	41.9	43.2	6.71	6.68	6.35
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	196.40	193.36	191.52	40.0	39.3	39.9	4.91	4.92	4.80
Paper & Allied Products	426.01	430.86	414.88	44.1	44.1	44.9	9.66	9.77	9.24
Printing & Publishing	345.66	345.37	328.89	40.1	40.3	39.2	8.62	8.57	8.39
Chemicals & Allied Products	615.04	605.35	581.30	43.1	42.6	42.4	14.27	14.21	13.71
Petroleum & Coal Products	629.85	623.57	622.60	44.2	44.1	44.0	14.25	14.14	14.15
Petroleum Refining	648.11	639.01	635.36	44.3	44.1	44.0	14.63	14.49	14.44
Leather & Leather Products	203.24	205.91	199.04	36.1	37.1	38.8	5.63	5.55	5.13
Other Nondurable Goods	375.41	381.41	349.44	43.2	43.0	42.0	8.69	8.87	8.32
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	477.43	484.17	472.75	45.6	46.6	45.5	10.47	10.39	10.39
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.12	486.97	477.89	45.5	46.6	45.6	10.53	10.45	10.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	434.02	424.88	371.77	47.8	47.0	44.9	9.08	9.04	8.28
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	422.93	423.05	395.26	39.6	39.5	38.3	10.68	10.71	10.32
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	439.67	429.07	414.69	41.4	40.1	42.1	10.62	10.70	9.85
Wholesale & Retail Trade	239.38	238.74	231.47	35.1	34.7	34.6	6.82	6.88	6.69
Wholesale Trade	360.77	365.22	351.52	40.4	40.4	39.9	8.93	9.04	8.81
Retail Trade	196.80	194.50	188.35	33.3	32.8	32.7	5.91	5.93	5.76
General Mdse. Stores	152.95	158.60	166.29	29.3	29.7	30.4	5.22	5.34	5.47
Banking	255.45	253.88	244.30	39.3	39.3	37.7	6.50	6.46	6.48

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$372.96	\$369.88	\$357.57	42.0	41.7	41.1	\$ 8.88	\$ 8.87	\$ 8.70
Durable Goods	391.92	385.48	375.42	42.6	41.9	41.3	9.20	9.20	9.09
Nondurable Goods	330.89	332.51	319.87	40.6	41.0	40.8	8.15	8.11	7.84
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.20	469.70	448.86	43.2	42.7	41.6	11.00	11.00	10.79
Durable Goods	412.16	412.06	390.86	42.8	42.7	40.8	9.63	9.65	9.58
Nondurable Goods	558.89	543.57	522.70	43.8	42.7	42.6	12.76	12.73	12.27
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	274.44	282.57	267.97	40.9	41.8	41.1	6.71	6.76	6.52
Durable Goods	294.17	310.00	290.09	41.2	42.7	41.5	7.14	7.26	6.99
Nondurable Goods	252.32	254.40	245.22	40.5	40.9	40.6	6.23	6.22	6.04

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

High demand combined with good weather and the availability of seasonal help to give construction its largest month gain in over a year. This industry, however, is still 17,500 jobs below the May 1983 level. New businesses and the growth in population have kept employment rising in finance, insurance and real estate. Most of the over-the-month gains were concentrated in banking, holding and investment firms, and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

Summer hires and accelerated business activity pushed employment up in trucking and warehousing, giving transportation, (except railroads) the largest increase of any transportation and public utilities sector. Communication and utilities registered minor additions during the month.

The only segment of government which gained employment in June was federal government, which benefitted from seasonal hires for temporary, seasonal and vacation relief. The state and local government sectors lost 17,200 jobs as school employees were dismissed for the summer.

There were a total of 671,500 manufacturing production workers at mid-June, up 7,300 from the May total, and 25,200 above the June 1983 estimate.

HOURS UP, EARNINGS STABLE

The average manufacturing production worker in Texas earned \$9.06 an hour for a 41.9 hour week, averaging \$379.61 per week. Although average hourly earnings were unchanged over the month, the average worker in June worked an additional 0.2 hours per week, pushing the average weekly earnings total up by \$1.81 over the month. The hiring of summer workers at entry-level wages in several industries kept average hourly earnings from rising in June. Compared to a year ago, average hours were up 0.8 hour while hourly earnings had risen by 20¢, for a gain in average weekly earnings of \$15.46.

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

There were an estimated 187,660 agricultural workers in Texas at mid-June, up over 6,300 from May but almost 3,200 below the June 1983 level. The over-the-month increase was seasonal in nature, while the decrease from a year ago was due to drought conditions which have prevailed over much of the State for the past several months. The drought has reduced planted acreage, discouraged new planting, and reduced livestock from year-ago levels.

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	June 1984	June 1983
Total Population	16,289,700	15,789,300
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	2.5
UI Covered Employers	299,565	290,877
Total Claims Actions	386,931	746,420
Total Initial Claims Actions	52,038	78,631
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	334,893	667,789
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$137.25	\$135.96
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$40,790,102	\$87,148,298
Total Placements	46,518	42,504

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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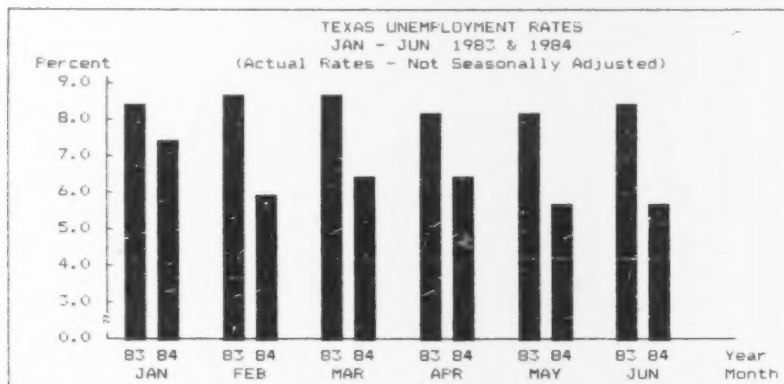
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UNEMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Along with the normal summer influx of new and reentrants into the labor force there was an unexpected increase in July among persons who had lost their jobs, pushing total unemployment in the actual series up by 71,400 over the month. The actual unemployment rate rose from 5.5 percent in June to 6.3 percent in July. Only once before since 1970 had the unemployment rate risen between June and July.

The over-the-month increase in unemployment is not, however, especially significant, since the labor force is particularly volatile in the summer months. Compared to July 1983, when the rate stood at 8.3 percent, the current unemployment picture looks very promising. The number of job-holders in Texas showed a moderate increase between June and July, with 24,600 additional employed persons at mid-July in the actual series.

As shown in the graph below, unemployment rates during 1984 have been fairly consistent in their downward trend and are considerably below those of 1983:



CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

(In Thousands)

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,198.0	115,393.0	113,980.0
Unemployment	8,714.0	8,582.0	10,707.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.4	9.4
Total Employment	107,484.0	106,811.0	103,273.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,938.0	113,877.0	111,825.0
Unemployment	8,543.0	8,130.0	10,600.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.1	9.5
Total Employment	105,395.0	105,747.0	101,225.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,186.4	8,090.4	7,715.9
Unemployment	516.1	444.7	636.7
Percent Unemployed	6.3	5.5	8.3
Total Employment	7,670.3	7,645.7	7,079.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,097.0	8,011.0	7,646.0
Unemployment	495.0	382.0	610.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1	4.8	8.0
Total Employment	7,602.0	7,629.0	7,036.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment also climbed over the month, as the rate rose from 4.8 to 6.1 percent. A year earlier, however, the seasonally adjusted rate was 8.0 percent. The month-to-month changes in the U. S. labor force were less dramatic, as the rate wavered from 7.4 percent to 7.5 percent in the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,000	57,700	57,100	79,400	79,500	76,900	294,700	293,100	277,600
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,500	9,800	9,700	9,500	35,700	35,300	33,500
Mining	4,000	4,100	4,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,400	4,200	4,200	20,500	20,300	17,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,700	6,800	6,500	8,200	8,100	7,900
Trade	14,900	14,900	15,000	24,000	24,000	23,200	68,100	67,700	63,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,500	4,500	4,200	19,300	18,900	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,200	14,800	15,000	14,600	61,500	61,200	57,000
Government	9,000	9,600	8,700	13,200	13,300	12,700	80,500	80,700	79,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	142,400	142,100	140,000	62,000	62,800	60,500	44,400	44,200	42,900
Manufacturing	31,800	31,800	32,200	10,900	10,900	11,100	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	2,800	2,800	2,500	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,300	9,300	10,500	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,100	12,000	11,900	3,200	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trade	34,400	34,100	33,000	17,400	17,200	17,200	9,800	9,800	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,400	26,100	11,400	11,400	10,800	6,600	6,700	6,400
Government	18,900	19,000	18,100	12,600	13,700	11,600	16,700	16,500	16,100
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH			EL PASO		
TOTAL	129,600	129,400	128,300	1664.1	1659.5	1584.5	165,700	168,700	161,700
Manufacturing	14,900	14,800	14,200	320.6	320.4	310.3	37,100	37,900	35,600
Mining	7,400	7,400	7,300	28.1	28.3	28.8	--	--	--
Construction	9,800	10,000	10,000	105.6	103.8	98.5	9,400	9,500	8,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	7,400	101.6	100.8	98.0	9,700	9,700	10,000
Trade	33,000	32,800	32,700	446.4	443.8	428.2	40,900	40,900	39,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,700	6,600	6,500	139.3	138.5	129.1	8,000	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,100	24,000	24,000	341.1	338.1	318.3	28,300	28,200	28,300
Government	26,400	26,400	26,200	181.4	185.8	173.3	32,300	34,500	31,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,000	69,900	66,600	1,515.3	1,525.3	1,496.7	63,400	63,600	60,200
Manufacturing	10,100	10,100	10,700	199.5	198.7	199.6	8,900	9,600	8,400
Mining	800	800	700	101.0	101.3	98.7	--	--	--
Construction	4,500	4,500	4,000	127.9	129.7	138.3	3,900	4,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,900	6,100	6,200	104.8	105.2	104.8	3,300	3,200	3,100
Trade	12,700	12,500	12,900	371.4	371.0	362.3	15,200	15,100	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	109.9	109.1	106.4	2,500	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,000	10,800	330.1	330.8	313.9	11,300	11,300	11,000
Government	18,000	20,300	16,800	170.7	179.5	172.7	18,300	18,500	17,700

2/ In Thousands

actual and rose from 7.1 percent to 7.5 percent in the seasonally adjusted series. In both series, the year-ago unemployment rates were around two percentage points higher, evidence that the Nation's economy is continuing to strengthen.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT LAGS

Seasonal layoffs and slow-downs inhibited the growth of nonagricultural wage and salary employment in July, and 13,200 jobs were deleted. Only two major industry sectors showed growth over the month -- trade and finance insurance and real estate. Although wholesale trade decreased fairly substantially, expansion in the retail portion was sufficient to push the total up by 1,700. The majority of the increase was created by general merchandise stores, where summer hiring was on-going. Automotive dealers and service stations continued to benefit from the summer weather, and food stores also posted gains over the month.

The increases in finance, insurance and real estate were concentrated among loan companies and real estate brokers, with the total for the industry group rising by 600 over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,600	30,500	28,900	67,100	67,700	66,900	90,100	90,100	90,000
Manufacturing	1,800	1,900	1,700	14,800	14,900	14,800	9,500	9,600	11,600
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,200	4,700	4,800	4,900	600	500	500
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,400	4,700	4,800	5,000	4,500	4,300	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,700	3,700	4,600	4,600	4,500
Trade	9,300	9,100	9,100	17,200	17,200	16,900	27,000	26,900	25,700
Fin., Ins., & Pl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,700	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,300	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	4,400	11,200	11,200	11,100	19,000	19,100	18,600
Government	7,400	7,400	6,500	8,200	8,300	7,600	19,500	19,800	19,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	75,400	77,500	74,400	57,800	57,400	50,900	59,600	59,100	54,700
Manufacturing	10,000	10,500	9,900	4,000	3,800	3,600	5,800	5,800	6,100
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	13,400	13,200	12,200	8,600	8,900	8,600
Construction	5,000	5,000	5,100	3,500	3,600	3,800	4,600	4,500	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,100	24,100	22,700	14,000	14,100	11,900	18,300	18,100	15,400
Fin., Ins., & Pl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,000	4,000	3,600	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,400	11,000	10,200	10,000	8,200	9,200	9,100	8,000
Government	17,600	19,200	18,500	5,700	5,700	4,800	7,700	7,300	7,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,500	37,900	36,900	455,600	457,800	434,500	34,800	35,000	34,100
Manufacturing	5,500	5,600	5,600	51,400	51,700	49,500	11,800	11,300	11,100
Mining	700	850	1,000	3,500	3,500	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,500	33,200	33,300	31,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	19,100	18,900	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,400	9,300	8,900	119,300	118,600	111,600	7,000	7,100	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Pl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,300	33,300	31,800	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,600	7,400	99,600	99,600	94,100	6,300	6,300	6,200
Government	6,300	6,700	6,100	96,200	98,900	94,500	4,800	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	47,500	47,100	45,400	58,200	58,300	56,700	28,400	28,400	28,400
Manufacturing	9,300	9,100	8,600	12,200	12,200	11,600	2,900	3,000	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,800	2,800	3,100	2,400	2,300	2,700
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,000	2,400	2,400	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	11,100	10,900	10,800	14,600	14,700	14,400	7,800	7,800	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Pl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	8,200	11,900	11,900	11,600	5,500	5,500	5,300
Government	12,600	12,600	12,000	8,100	8,100	7,400	4,000	4,000	3,900
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	76,700	76,600	73,900	53,400	53,900	52,100			
Manufacturing	16,400	16,500	15,600	9,900	9,900	8,700			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,400	4,300	4,100	2,000	2,000	2,100			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	19,600	19,600	18,600	13,600	13,500	13,200			
Fin., Ins., & Pl. Est.	4,800	4,700	4,700	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	17,000	16,800	16,300	9,200	9,200	9,300			
Government	11,100	11,500	11,400	10,100	10,700	10,300			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

The largest seasonal downturn was in government, as local government declined by 12,200 in July. These losses occurred as seasonal maintenance, repair, and administrative work was completed in schools and staffing was further reduced. The hiring of seasonal workers in federal and state government generated 1,400 new jobs over the month, but government as a whole recorded the loss of 10,800 positions.

The completion of jobs in residential, commercial, and heavy construction once again halted growth in this category; and there were actually 1,600 fewer construction jobs at mid-July than a month earlier. Employers in services also deleted positions over the month, with most of the loss in educational services, where additional workers were laid off for the summer. Health services also lost a moderate number of jobs over the month, while personal services recorded a small drop.

An ample supply of finished products combined with depressed oil prices reduced payrolls in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining by 900 in July. This

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1984*	June 1984**	July 1983**	Change From June 1984	Change From July 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,340,200	6,353,400	6,172,700	-13,200	167,500
Manufacturing	994,000	995,000	959,100	-1,000	34,900
Durable Goods	575,400	575,000	548,700	400	26,700
Lumber & Wood Products	42,200	42,500	41,100	-300	1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,400	16,600	-200	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,800	49,000	46,100	-200	2,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,800	22,900	21,200	-100	1,600
Primary Metal Industries	35,700	35,900	32,900	-200	2,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,400	81,200	80,700	200	700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,400	44,300	44,400	100	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	136,600	136,200	129,600	400	7,000
Oil Field Machinery	44,000	43,700	40,900	300	3,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	104,300	103,900	96,200	400	8,100
Transportation Equipment	73,900	73,600	71,200	300	2,700
Aircraft & Parts	37,500	37,300	37,000	200	500
Instruments & Related Products	23,100	23,200	22,400	-100	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,100	11,900	100	300
Nondurable Goods	418,600	420,000	410,400	-1,400	8,200
Food & Kindred Products	97,300	97,100	93,500	200	3,800
Meat Products	24,900	24,800	24,900	100	0
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Bakery Products	12,300	12,100	10,800	200	1,500
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	62,300	63,300	60,900	-1,000	1,400
Paper & Allied Products	22,300	22,400	21,900	-100	400
Printing & Publishing	71,600	71,600	68,600	0	3,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,700	35,600	35,100	100	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,000	77,100	77,600	-100	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,700	43,600	-200	-1,100
Petroleum Refining	39,300	39,500	40,500	-200	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,300	8,500	-200	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,500	31,100	0	1,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,346,200	5,358,400	5,213,600	-12,200	132,600
Mining	270,600	271,600	261,000	-1,000	9,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	260,700	261,600	251,100	-900	9,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,900	10,000	9,900	-100	0
Construction	410,500	412,100	428,700	-1,600	-18,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,200	383,100	373,300	100	9,900
Railroad Transportation	25,500	25,500	24,600	0	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	182,300	182,500	173,500	-200	8,800
Transportation by Air	35,400	35,400	27,700	0	-2,300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,800	96,500	95,400	300	1,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	78,600	79,800	0	-1,200
Electric Services	44,100	44,100	44,400	0	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	29,200	29,200	30,100	0	-900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,596,200	1,594,500	1,555,300	1,700	40,900
Wholesale Trade	443,300	444,700	432,600	-1,400	10,700
Retail Trade	1,152,900	1,149,800	1,122,700	3,100	30,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,500	55,800	52,600	-300	2,900
General Merchandise Stores	145,300	143,400	144,300	1,900	1,000
Food Stores	209,000	208,500	201,000	500	8,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,300	133,600	131,400	700	2,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,100	77,100	76,200	0	900
Other Retail Trade	531,700	531,400	517,200	300	14,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,300	405,700	395,400	600	10,900
Banking	104,200	104,300	104,100	-100	100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,500	124,300	121,600	200	2,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,600	177,100	169,700	500	7,900
Services	1,226,700	1,227,900	1,187,400	-1,200	39,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,800	77,600	76,600	200	1,200
Personal Services	74,300	74,500	72,400	-200	1,900
Business & Repair Services	328,600	328,200	310,400	400	18,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	56,800	56,700	54,700	100	2,100
Health Services	345,800	346,200	338,700	-400	7,100
Educational Services	53,300	54,800	51,800	-1,500	1,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	290,100	289,900	282,800	200	7,300
Total Government	1,052,700	1,063,500	1,012,500	-10,800	40,200
Total Federal Government	183,100	182,500	176,300	600	6,800
Total State Government	215,000	214,200	208,600	800	6,400
Total Local Government	654,600	666,800	627,600	-12,200	27,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jul. '84*	Jun. '84**	Jul. '83**	Jul. '84*	Jun. '84**	Jul. '83**	Jul. '84*	Jun. '84**	Jul. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	79,800	77,100	106,100	105,100	98,400	356,500	351,900	322,700
Total Unemployment	3,600	2,900	4,100	5,000	4,300	4,800	12,800	11,200	14,600
Percent Unemployed	4.5	3.6	5.3	4.7	4.1	4.9	3.6	3.2	4.5
Total Employment 2/	76,600	76,900	73,000	101,100	100,800	93,600	343,700	340,700	308,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	189,100	185,200	181,600	96,500	94,000	91,300	57,000	56,300	53,300
Total Unemployment	22,600	20,000	25,900	14,100	11,400	14,400	2,400	2,100	2,600
Percent Unemployed	12.0	10.8	14.3	14.6	12.1	15.8	4.2	3.7	4.9
Total Employment 2/	166,500	165,200	155,700	82,400	82,600	76,900	54,600	54,200	50,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	174,100	170,900	170,500	1,983.5	1,953.0	1,822.6	206,500	205,700	196,800
Total Unemployment	15,500	13,300	20,500	79.6	67.2	96.8	21,000	18,200	24,700
Percent Unemployed	8.9	7.8	12.0	4.0	3.4	5.3	10.2	8.8	12.6
Total Employment 2/	158,600	157,600	150,000	1,903.9	1,885.8	1,725.8	185,500	187,500	172,100
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,600	95,800	91,300	1,845.7	1,830.3	1,784.8	81,200	80,100	74,100
Total Unemployment	9,800	8,500	11,200	130.8	115.0	176.5	4,800	3,900	4,700
Percent Unemployed	10.3	8.9	12.3	7.1	6.3	9.9	5.9	4.9	6.3
Total Employment 2/	85,800	87,300	80,100	1,714.9	1,715.3	1,608.3	76,400	76,200	69,400
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,900	39,900	40,800	83,400	82,100	81,600	117,200	116,300	114,500
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,500	10,600	7,000	6,100	9,500	6,600	5,900	8,700
Percent Unemployed	17.4	16.3	26.6	8.4	7.4	11.6	5.6	5.1	7.6
Total Employment 2/	33,800	33,400	30,200	76,400	76,000	72,100	110,600	110,400	105,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	120,300	120,100	112,800	76,600	75,000	66,200	80,500	79,300	73,800
Total Unemployment	25,400	20,500	23,100	3,100	2,600	4,100	4,000	3,400	7,000
Percent Unemployed	21.1	17.1	20.5	4.0	3.5	6.2	5.0	4.3	9.5
Total Employment 2/	94,900	99,600	89,700	73,500	72,400	62,100	76,500	75,900	66,800
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,700	52,900	50,300	553,900	548,100	507,700	42,500	42,100	40,900
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,000	2,700	29,600	25,500	32,000	2,200	2,000	3,000
Percent Unemployed	4.4	3.8	5.4	5.3	4.7	6.3	5.2	4.8	7.3
Total Employment 2/	50,400	50,900	47,600	524,300	522,600	475,700	40,300	40,100	37,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,800	55,000	52,400	82,000	81,000	77,000	39,100	38,300	38,900
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,300	5,200	4,300	3,500	5,100	2,400	2,100	4,200
Percent Unemployed	8.2	7.8	9.9	5.2	4.3	6.6	6.1	5.5	10.8
Total Employment 2/	51,200	50,700	47,200	77,700	77,500	71,900	36,700	36,200	34,700
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	97,900	96,700	90,900	71,900	71,400	68,100	8,186.4	8,090.4	7,715.9
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,000	5,000	3,400	2,800	4,400	516.1	444.7	636.7
Percent Unemployed	4.7	4.1	5.5	4.7	3.9	6.5	6.3	5.5	8.3
Total Employment 2/	93,300	92,700	85,900	68,500	68,600	63,700	7,670.3	7,645.7	7,079.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July± 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July± 1984	June 1984	July 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$377.57	\$382.69	\$363.45	41.4	42.1	40.7	\$ 9.12	\$ 9.09	\$ 8.93
Durable Goods	369.15	377.22	354.31	41.2	42.1	40.4	8.96	8.96	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	251.29	253.74	247.20	38.9	39.4	39.3	6.46	6.44	6.29
Furniture & Fixtures	216.96	237.73	233.84	36.1	39.1	39.3	6.01	6.08	5.95
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	381.49	378.84	356.16	43.9	44.0	43.7	8.69	8.61	8.15
Primary Metal Industries	398.37	398.05	420.15	40.9	40.7	39.9	9.74	9.78	10.53
Fabricated Metal Products	348.12	353.62	347.11	41.1	41.7	39.4	8.47	8.48	8.81
Machinery, Exc. Electric	383.95	388.72	339.37	42.1	43.0	39.6	9.12	9.04	8.57
Oil Field Machinery	464.19	464.38	418.15	43.1	43.4	39.9	10.77	11.70	10.48
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	392.29	408.84	351.95	41.6	42.9	39.5	9.43	9.53	8.91
Transportation Equipment	495.87	522.85	489.83	41.6	43.9	42.3	11.92	11.91	11.58
Instr. & Related Products	295.30	296.83	320.80	38.5	38.6	40.1	7.67	7.69	8.00
Misc. Mfg. Industries	274.58	279.89	307.76	40.8	40.8	41.2	6.73	6.86	7.47
Nondurable Goods	386.78	389.34	376.98	41.5	42.0	41.2	9.32	9.27	9.15
Food & Kindred Products	339.34	341.35	323.53	42.9	43.1	41.8	7.91	7.92	7.74
Meat Products	291.20	280.79	288.47	44.8	43.0	42.8	6.50	6.53	6.74
Malt Beverages	794.58	785.66	748.26	49.2	48.2	48.4	16.15	16.30	15.46
Textile Mill Products	281.11	286.70	260.62	42.4	42.6	41.5	6.63	6.73	6.28
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	191.35	196.00	185.76	38.5	40.0	38.3	4.97	4.90	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	430.77	432.62	414.65	43.6	44.6	44.3	9.88	9.70	9.36
Printing & Publishing	346.12	342.68	333.48	40.2	39.8	39.7	8.61	8.61	8.40
Chemicals & Allied Products	600.18	604.20	590.64	42.0	42.4	42.8	14.29	14.25	13.80
Petroleum & Coal Products	616.28	629.75	612.58	43.4	44.1	43.2	14.20	14.28	14.18
Petroleum Refining	631.90	647.09	624.09	43.4	44.2	43.1	14.56	14.64	14.48
Leather & Leather Products	199.05	205.33	197.85	35.8	36.6	37.4	5.56	5.61	5.29
Other Nondurable Goods	373.24	375.84	341.14	43.4	43.3	41.4	8.60	8.68	8.24
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	484.51	480.70	473.20	46.1	46.0	45.5	10.51	10.45	10.40
Oil & Gas Extraction	487.28	482.41	477.75	46.1	45.9	45.5	10.57	10.51	10.50
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	434.07	434.45	383.92	47.7	47.9	46.2	9.10	9.07	8.31
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	429.47	428.25	408.20	40.1	39.8	39.1	10.71	10.76	10.44
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.45	439.19	415.17	40.3	41.2	41.6	10.83	10.66	9.98
Wholesale & Retail Trade	241.45	239.05	234.20	35.3	35.0	34.8	6.84	6.83	6.73
Wholesale Trade	365.52	360.77	357.20	40.3	40.4	40.0	9.07	8.93	8.93
Retail Trade	198.24	195.95	189.83	33.6	33.1	32.9	5.90	5.92	5.77
General Mdse. Stores	168.64	160.43	167.31	32.0	30.5	30.2	5.27	5.26	5.54
Banking	262.81	255.06	247.00	39.7	39.3	38.0	6.62	6.49	6.50

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$369.35	\$374.59	\$358.75	41.5	41.9	41.0	\$ 8.90	\$ 8.94	\$ 8.75
Durable Goods	384.89	395.40	374.83	41.7	42.7	41.1	9.23	9.26	9.12
Nondurable Goods	334.97	329.24	323.54	41.1	40.2	40.8	8.15	8.19	7.93
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.63	478.03	445.26	43.2	43.3	41.0	11.01	11.04	10.86
Durable Goods	423.58	417.21	384.24	43.4	43.1	39.9	9.76	9.68	9.63
Nondurable Goods	543.11	558.08	521.98	42.9	43.6	42.3	12.66	12.80	12.34
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	271.73	276.30	265.02	40.8	41.3	40.4	6.66	6.69	6.56
Durable Goods	289.38	295.36	286.49	40.7	41.6	41.4	7.11	7.10	6.92
Nondurable Goods	252.76	255.22	243.10	40.9	40.9	39.4	6.18	6.24	6.17

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

industry continues to fluctuate from month to month, but has produced close to 10,000 new jobs over the past year. Transportation and public utilities remained almost unchanged between June and July, as small gains in communication were partially nullified by a loss in transportation, except railroads.

For the first time this year, manufacturing employment declined in July. The loss was not large, and was concentrated in the nondurable goods sector, which dropped 1,400 jobs. A large number of employers in apparel and other finished textile products reported workers on vacation without pay, and this industry was responsible for 1,000 deletions in July.

Gains and losses were interspersed in durable goods over the month, with none of the changes very large. The biggest increase was generated by electric and electronic equipment, which has produced over 8,000 jobs during the past 12 months. An equal advance was recorded by nonelectrical machinery, where oil field machinery was responsible for most of the growth. The recall of some workers and additional hiring of others pushed employment up moderately in transportation equipment. The largest decrease occurred in lumber and wood products, while smaller losses were noted in furniture and fixtures and in stone, clay and glass products. There were 670,700 manufacturing production workers in July, up 2,400 from June and 25,600 above the year-ago level.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS REMAIN UNCHANGED

An average manufacturing production worker in July worked 41.4 hours per week at \$9.12 per hour, averaging \$377.57 a week. Hours worked declined over the month by 0.7 hour as less overtime was worked in most durable and nondurable goods industries. Nondurable goods was primarily responsible for the overall increase of 3¢ per hour in hourly earnings, as paper and allied products reported more overtime worked at premium pay while summer workers hired at lower wages by firms in durable goods kept hourly earnings stable in that sector. The over-the-month drop in hours worked in manufacturing pushed average weekly earnings down by \$5.12 in July.

Compared to July 1983, however, both hourly earnings and hours worked had improved. Hourly earnings had risen by 19¢ over the year, while the number of hours worked increased by 0.7 hour, raising weekly earnings by \$14.12.

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	July 1984	July 1983
Total Population	16,326,800	15,835,600
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.4	2.6
UI Covered Employers	301,220	291,571
Total Claims Actions	409,136	663,222
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,459	73,022
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	348,677	590,200
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$135.48	\$135.76
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$46,965,520	\$78,092,943
Total Placements	49,338	46,614

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LABOR FORCE CONTRACTS

The number of Texans participating in the civilian labor force was reduced by over 114,000 between July and August, as both total employment and unemployment declined in the actual series. Total employment dropped by 48,300 in August, to 7,622,000, with cutbacks occurring primarily as jobs created for the summer were deleted. The ranks of the unemployed shrank as many unsuccessful summer job seekers left the labor market to return to school or other endeavors.

The actual unemployment rate dropped from 6.3% in July to 5.6% at mid-August. The August rate was down two full percentage points from the year-ago rate of 7.6%. The only time during the past 12 months when the rate has been lower than the current month's was June, when the rate dropped to 5.5%.

Unemployment and employment also declined in the seasonally adjusted series for Texas, although the decrease was not as large. The number of employed Texans dropped by 21,000 in August, while jobless totals declined by 40,000. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 6.1% in July to 5.7% in August. The Nation's unemployment rates showed very little change over the month, as the actual rate slid from 7.5% to 7.3% and the seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged at 7.5%.

WAGE AND SALARY JOBS RISE MODERATELY

Following decreases in several major industry groups in July, the count of salaried nonfarm jobs rose by 7,800 between July and August, totaling 6,345,400 at mid-August. The wage and salary employment total had, however, increased by 218,800 from the year-ago level.

The nonmanufacturing sector provided two-thirds of the over-the-month advance, with one sector--wholesale and retail trade--generating most of the impetus. Wholesale

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,076.0	116,198.0	113,578.0
Unemployment	8,382.0	8,714.0	10,411.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.5	9.2
Total Employment	106,694.0	107,484.0	103,167.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,495.0	113,938.0	112,117.0
Unemployment	8,526.0	8,543.0	10,633.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.5	9.5
Total Employment	104,969.0	105,395.0	101,484.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,072.2	8,186.4	7,655.8
Unemployment	450.2	516.1	580.4
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.3	7.6
Total Employment	7,622.0	7,670.3	7,075.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,036.0	8,097.0	7,652.0
Unemployment	455.0	495.0	578.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	6.1	7.6
Total Employment	7,581.0	7,602.0	7,074.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '84*	July '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	July '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	July '84**	Aug. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,000	57,000	56,900	79,400	79,500	76,300	296,700	294,700	274,900
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,500	9,600	9,900	9,500	36,100	35,700	33,400
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,200	1,900	2,000	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,200	3,100	3,200	4,000	4,200	4,100	21,100	20,600	17,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,000	6,700	6,700	5,900	8,100	8,200	6,000
Trade	15,000	14,900	15,000	24,300	24,000	23,300	68,400	68,000	63,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,600	4,500	4,200	19,300	19,200	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,600	13,200	15,100	15,000	14,600	62,000	61,600	57,000
Government	9,000	9,000	8,600	13,200	13,200	12,700	80,800	80,500	78,200
BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE									
TOTAL	141,300	142,000	138,200	62,200	61,800	60,500	44,500	44,400	43,000
Manufacturing	31,700	31,700	32,200	10,900	10,900	11,100	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,500	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,500	9,300	9,800	3,200	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,800	12,000	10,900	3,300	3,200	2,900	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trade	34,100	34,400	33,100	17,300	17,200	17,300	10,000	9,800	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,400	26,100	11,300	11,400	10,900	6,500	6,700	6,300
Government	18,500	18,800	18,000	13,000	12,600	11,700	16,600	16,600	15,900
CORPUS CHRISTI									
TOTAL	129,400	129,000	128,500	1663.4	1658.4	1575.6	166,900	166,100	161,500
Manufacturing	14,800	14,900	14,200	321.7	321.2	309.2	39,000	37,600	36,100
Mining	7,500	7,400	7,200	28.2	28.3	28.8	--	--	--
Construction	9,800	9,700	9,900	105.5	104.7	99.2	9,500	9,400	8,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,300	7,600	100.7	101.2	87.1	9,800	9,700	9,200
Trade	33,000	32,900	32,800	448.5	445.7	429.7	40,900	40,900	40,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,700	6,500	140.1	139.4	129.5	8,100	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,100	24,000	24,100	339.7	339.2	318.9	28,200	28,300	28,200
Government	26,200	26,100	26,200	179.0	178.7	173.2	31,400	32,200	31,300
DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700
EL PASO									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700
HOUSTON 2/									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700
KILLEEN-TEMPLE									
TOTAL	68,200	68,600	65,900	1519.0	1520.5	1487.4	63,900	63,600	60,500
Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,400	199.1	199.0	199.1	--	--	--
Mining	800	800	700	100.8	100.5	98.4	9,000	8,900	8,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	3,900	125.6	128.0	138.1	4,000	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	5,900	106.6	106.1	100.3	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	12,500	12,800	12,900	372.2	371.7	361.2	15,100	15,200	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	110.2	110.0	106.2	2,600	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,200	10,800	332.4	331.1	312.2	11,500	11,300	10,900
Government	18,700	18,800	16,800	172.1	174.1	171.7	18,400	18,400	17,700

2/ In Thousands

trade rose by 600, as orders for machinery, equipment and supplies increased. Among the retail trade sectors, three industries recorded the largest growth. Other retail trade, which includes eating and drinking places, gained over 3,000 jobs over the month. Back-to-school business produced an increase of 1,400 in apparel and accessory stores. The third sector to register sizeable growth in August was food stores, which rose by 1,100. Small seasonal decreases occurred in building materials and garden supplies and in automotive dealers and service stations.

Transportation and public utilities gained 1,000 additional jobs between July and August. Transportation, except railroads, was responsible for the majority of the growth, as business peaked in water transportation. Communication also recorded a modest increase, while electric, gas and sanitary services remained stable.

After having dropped 1,600 jobs in July, construction was only able to reinstate 200 of them in August. High interest rates and scarce financing have suppressed building activity so that levels are now 18,200 below those of a year ago, and some 34,000 jobs have been lost since August 1982.

Among the declines in nonmanufacturing industries, by far the largest was in government, which dropped 1,600 jobs over the month. The completion of seasonal and temporary work pushed employment down by 800 in federal government, while the end of the summer school semester curtailed jobs in the state sector by 600. Local

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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Industry	Aug.'84*	July'84**	Aug.'83**	Aug.'84*	July'84**	Aug.'83**	Aug.'84*	July'84**	Aug.'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,400	30,500	28,500	67,400	67,200	66,700	90,200	90,200	88,600
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,700	14,900	14,900	14,900	9,500	9,400	11,100
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	600	500	500
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,400	4,800	4,800	5,000	4,300	4,400	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,700	3,700	3,300	4,500	4,600	3,800
Trade	9,300	9,300	8,900	17,200	17,100	16,900	26,900	27,100	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,900	2,700	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,100	4,500	11,100	11,200	11,200	19,000	19,000	18,300
Government	7,200	7,200	6,500	9,100	8,100	7,600	20,000	19,800	19,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	76,100	75,400	74,300	57,200	58,000	49,900	60,000	59,800	54,400
Manufacturing	9,800	9,900	9,600	3,900	4,000	3,500	5,800	5,800	6,200
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	12,900	13,400	12,100	8,500	8,800	8,700
Construction	5,100	5,100	5,200	3,300	3,700	3,500	4,600	4,500	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,300	3,000	2,900	2,300	3,000	3,000	2,400
Trade	24,200	24,100	23,200	14,200	14,100	11,900	18,600	18,400	15,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,000	3,700	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,400	11,100	10,100	10,200	8,300	9,500	9,200	8,000
Government	18,200	17,600	18,300	5,700	5,700	4,600	7,600	7,700	7,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,600	37,800	37,000	455,500	455,600	432,600	35,000	34,900	34,400
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,600	51,500	51,500	49,900	12,000	11,900	11,200
Mining	800	800	1000	3,600	3,500	3,500	200	200	200
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,500	33,600	33,000	31,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	19,000	18,900	14,700	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,500	9,400	9,000	120,600	119,600	113,200	7,100	7,000	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,500	33,300	31,900	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,800	7,500	99,900	99,800	94,200	6,200	6,300	6,400
Government	6,300	6,400	6,000	93,800	96,000	93,500	4,800	4,800	4,800
	TYLER			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	47,500	47,500	45,900	58,500	58,200	56,400	28,300	28,400	28,100
Manufacturing	9,500	9,400	8,700	12,400	12,200	11,600	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	38,000	38,100	37,200	2,900	2,800	3,000	2,400	2,400	2,700
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,400	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	2,100	3,000	3,000	2,500	1,400	1,500	1,300
Trade	10,900	11,000	10,800	14,800	14,800	14,500	7,800	7,800	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,800	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,300	12,000	11,900	11,600	5,600	5,500	5,300
Government	12,400	12,300	12,100	7,800	7,800	7,400	3,900	4,000	3,800
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	75,900	76,700	73,300	53,300	53,500	52,200			
Manufacturing	--	--	--	9,900	9,900	9,100			
Mining	16,400	16,400	15,400	3,200	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,200	2,000	2,100	2,000			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,400	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,700			
Trade	19,600	19,600	18,600	13,600	13,600	13,200			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,800	4,700	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	16,500	16,900	16,500	9,200	9,200	9,300			
Government	11,000	11,200	11,100	10,000	10,100	10,200			

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government also lost a moderate number of jobs in August. The sensitivity of the oil and gas industry to market demand was again shown in August as, for the second consecutive month, mining employment declined. Compared to last month's drop of 1,000, however, the August decrease of 400 was fairly small.

Some sizeable gains in services were counter-balanced by seasonal decreases, for a total loss of 100 over the month. The growth occurred primarily in business and repair services, which contributed 1,600 new positions in August. Temporary help agencies and data processing firms continued to add workers, while management and consulting firms and cleaning and maintenance services also augmented payrolls.

Another 600 positions were reported by firms engaged in providing personal services. These advances were nullified by a decrease of 2,000 in other services and miscellaneous, as many legal establishments deleted summer jobs and membership organizations cut positions as summer activities wound down.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry				Change From	Change From
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	July 1984	Aug. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,345,400	6,337,600	6,126,600	7,800	218,800
Manufacturing	995,600	992,700	957,000	2,900	38,600
Durable Goods	577,500	574,900	545,800	2,600	31,700
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	42,200	41,100	-400	700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,700	7,600	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,500	17,200	17,100	300	400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,000	48,800	47,000	200	2,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,200	22,900	21,500	300	1,700
Primary Metal Industries	34,100	33,700	33,700	400	400
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,200	82,000	80,400	200	1,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,700	44,600	44,300	100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,200	137,200	128,400	0	8,800
Oil Field Machinery	44,800	44,200	40,800	600	4,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	106,200	104,900	92,400	1,300	13,800
Transportation Equipment	74,400	74,000	71,300	400	3,100
Aircraft & Parts	37,700	37,500	37,400	200	300
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	23,100	22,500	-100	500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,100	11,800	11,900	300	200
Nondurable Goods	418,100	417,800	411,200	300	6,900
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	97,500	93,500	100	4,100
Meat Products	24,900	24,900	25,100	0	-200
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Bakery Products	12,500	12,400	10,800	100	1,700
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	5,100	5,000	4,800	100	300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	61,600	61,500	61,200	100	400
Paper & Allied Products	22,400	22,200	21,800	200	600
Printing & Publishing	71,800	71,700	69,000	100	2,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,900	35,100	0	800
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,600	76,800	77,400	-200	-800
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,600	43,900	-100	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,300	39,400	40,800	-100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,000	8,600	100	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	32,400	32,500	31,000	-100	1,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,349,800	5,344,900	5,169,600	4,900	180,200
Mining	270,700	271,100	259,600	-400	11,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	260,600	261,100	249,900	-500	10,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	10,000	9,700	100	400
Construction	410,600	410,400	428,800	200	-18,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,000	383,000	332,500	1,000	51,500
Railroad Transportation	25,400	25,500	24,600	-100	800
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,300	182,400	174,600	900	8,700
Transportation by Air	35,300	35,200	37,600	100	-2,300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,700	96,500	53,800	200	42,900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	78,600	79,500	0	-900
Electric Services	44,000	44,100	44,400	-100	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	29,300	29,200	29,900	100	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,602,400	1,596,400	1,564,700	6,000	37,700
Wholesale Trade	444,000	443,400	433,400	600	10,600
Retail Trade	1,158,400	1,153,000	1,131,300	5,400	27,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,000	55,300	52,600	-300	2,400
General Merchandise Stores	145,100	145,200	145,700	-100	-600
Food Stores	210,100	209,000	201,800	1,100	8,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,000	134,800	131,700	200	3,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,400	77,000	77,900	1,400	500
Other Retail Trade	534,800	531,700	521,600	3,100	13,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,200	406,400	396,000	-200	10,200
Banking	104,300	104,200	103,500	100	800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,800	124,600	123,200	200	1,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,100	177,600	169,300	-500	7,800
Services	1,230,400	1,230,500	1,183,400	-100	47,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,900	77,900	76,300	0	1,600
Personal Services	74,900	74,300	72,100	600	2,800
Business & Repair Services	332,200	330,600	310,800	1,600	21,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	56,500	57,200	53,000	-700	3,500
Health Services	346,000	345,900	339,400	100	6,600
Educational Services	53,800	53,500	52,200	300	1,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	289,100	291,100	279,600	-2,000	9,500
Total Government	1,045,500	1,047,100	1,004,600	-1,600	40,900
Total Federal Government	182,600	183,400	176,300	-800	6,300
Total State Government	214,300	214,900	206,200	-600	8,100
Total Local Government	648,600	648,800	622,100	-200	26,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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	Aug. '84*	Jul. '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	Jul. '84**	Aug. '83**	Aug. '84*	Jul. '84**	Aug. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,000	80,200	77,100	104,700	106,000	98,300	355,500	356,400	320,200
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,600	4,200	4,400	5,000	4,800	12,000	12,800	12,900
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.5	5.4	4.2	4.7	4.9	3.4	3.6	4.0
Total Employment 2/	76,000	76,600	72,900	100,300	101,000	93,500	343,500	343,600	307,300
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	182,700	188,800	178,900	94,700	96,400	90,700	56,500	57,000	52,900
Total Unemployment	18,800	22,600	24,000	12,000	14,100	13,000	2,100	2,300	2,300
Percent Unemployed	10.3	12.0	13.4	12.7	14.6	14.3	3.7	4.0	4.3
Total Employment 2/	163,900	166,200	154,900	82,700	82,300	77,700	54,400	54,700	50,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,700	173,600	169,600	1,960.8	1,976.9	1,816.0	204,800	206,900	193,800
Total Unemployment	13,400	15,500	19,200	69.2	79.4	87.3	19,900	21,100	21,400
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.9	11.3	3.5	4.0	4.8	9.7	10.2	11.0
Total Employment 2/	157,300	158,100	150,400	1,891.6	1,897.5	1,728.7	184,900	185,800	172,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	94,000	96,000	90,300	1,820.5	1,851.8	1,768.4	79,900	81,400	74,100
Total Unemployment	8,600	9,800	10,800	111.8	131.1	160.9	3,900	4,800	4,400
Percent Unemployed	9.1	10.2	12.0	6.1	7.1	9.1	4.9	5.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	85,400	86,200	79,500	1,708.7	1,720.7	1,607.5	76,000	76,600	69,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,400	40,800	39,800	81,600	83,100	80,900	115,500	117,600	112,800
Total Unemployment	6,000	7,100	9,500	6,000	7,000	8,700	5,700	6,600	7,500
Percent Unemployed	15.2	17.4	23.9	7.4	8.4	10.8	4.9	5.6	6.6
Total Employment 2/	33,400	33,700	30,300	75,600	76,100	72,200	109,800	111,000	105,300
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	117,800	120,300	112,800	75,100	76,700	65,400	79,600	80,900	73,300
Total Unemployment	23,500	25,400	23,300	2,700	3,100	3,700	3,400	4,000	6,400
Percent Unemployed	19.9	21.1	20.7	3.6	4.0	5.7	4.3	4.9	8.7
Total Employment 2/	94,300	94,900	89,500	72,400	73,600	61,700	76,200	76,900	66,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,400	53,100	50,000	546,200	553,800	506,000	42,000	42,600	40,600
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,300	2,600	25,900	29,600	29,400	1,900	2,300	2,700
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.3	5.2	4.7	5.3	5.8	4.5	5.4	6.7
Total Employment 2/	50,400	50,800	47,400	520,300	524,200	476,600	40,100	40,300	37,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	55,600	51,800	81,200	81,700	76,300	38,400	39,200	38,700
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,600	4,500	3,900	4,300	4,500	2,000	2,400	3,800
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.3	8.7	4.8	5.3	5.9	5.2	6.1	9.8
Total Employment 2/	50,800	51,000	47,300	77,300	77,400	71,800	36,400	36,800	34,900
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,900	97,900	89,200	70,800	71,900	67,800	8,072.2	8,186.4	7,655.8
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,600	4,400	3,100	3,400	4,100	450.2	516.1	580.4
Percent Unemployed	4.2	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.7	6.0	5.6	6.3	7.6
Total Employment 2/	91,900	93,300	84,800	67,700	68,500	63,700	7,622.0	7,670.3	7,075.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. ± 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. ± 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. ± 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$379.81	\$377.98	\$365.72	41.6	41.4	41.0	\$ 9.13	\$ 9.13	\$ 8.92
Durable Goods	373.50	369.15	356.94	41.5	41.2	40.7	9.00	8.96	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	259.64	251.02	252.17	39.7	39.1	39.9	6.54	6.42	6.32
Furniture & Fixtures	237.37	222.04	242.72	39.3	36.4	41.0	6.04	6.10	5.92
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	378.40	372.81	352.84	44.0	43.3	43.4	8.60	8.61	8.13
Primary Metal Industries	411.52	407.38	400.62	41.4	41.4	38.3	9.94	9.84	10.46
Fabricated Metal Products	352.34	348.12	356.40	41.5	41.1	40.0	8.49	8.47	8.91
Machinery, Exc. Electric	389.58	381.78	348.65	42.3	42.0	40.4	9.21	9.09	8.63
Oil Field Machinery	464.83	455.82	416.70	43.2	42.6	40.3	10.76	10.70	10.34
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	416.37	390.45	368.51	42.4	41.1	40.9	9.82	9.50	9.01
Transportation Equipment	466.80	498.12	476.93	40.0	42.0	41.4	11.67	11.86	11.52
Instr. & Related Products	306.54	292.99	316.01	39.2	38.2	39.6	7.82	7.67	7.98
Misc. Mfg. Industries	267.85	279.34	308.38	39.8	41.2	41.9	6.73	6.78	7.36
Nondurable Goods	388.74	390.31	378.07	41.8	41.7	41.5	9.30	9.36	9.11
Food & Kindred Products	338.34	342.65	326.21	43.1	43.1	42.2	7.85	7.95	7.73
Meat Products	282.28	298.07	279.86	43.9	45.3	41.4	6.43	6.58	6.76
Malt Beverages	794.61	783.55	672.30	48.6	48.1	45.4	16.35	16.29	14.94
Textile Mill Products	266.67	282.38	269.61	40.9	42.4	43.0	6.52	6.66	6.27
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	191.12	186.73	188.18	38.3	37.8	38.8	4.99	4.94	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	433.50	446.89	407.66	44.1	44.6	43.6	9.83	10.02	9.35
Printing & Publishing	355.97	349.11	342.55	41.2	40.5	40.3	8.64	8.62	8.50
Chemicals & Allied Products	599.81	608.18	585.93	42.3	42.5	42.8	14.18	14.31	13.69
Petroleum & Coal Products	611.40	618.89	600.79	43.3	43.8	42.7	14.12	14.13	14.07
Petroleum Refining	629.30	636.55	615.04	43.4	43.9	42.8	14.50	14.50	14.37
Leather & Leather Products	198.74	198.20	196.33	36.4	36.3	38.8	5.46	5.46	5.06
Other Nondurable Goods	375.41	375.84	358.70	43.3	43.5	42.3	8.67	8.64	8.48
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	479.42	490.57	466.51	45.4	46.9	44.9	10.56	10.46	10.39
Oil & Gas Extraction	482.15	492.92	471.00	45.4	46.9	44.9	10.62	10.51	10.49
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	435.10	436.02	372.55	47.5	47.6	45.6	9.16	9.16	8.17
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	433.90	434.03	361.92	40.4	40.3	37.7	10.74	10.77	9.60
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.30	438.89	414.83	40.7	40.6	41.4	10.72	10.81	10.02
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.38	240.08	231.84	34.8	35.1	34.5	6.85	6.84	6.72
Wholesale Trade	363.41	364.61	352.08	40.2	40.2	40.1	9.04	9.07	8.78
Retail Trade	194.44	196.14	188.50	32.9	33.3	32.5	5.91	5.89	5.80
General Mdse. Stores	154.28	161.39	165.74	29.0	30.8	30.3	5.32	5.24	5.47
Banking	258.33	262.55	245.75	39.2	39.6	38.7	6.59	6.63	6.35

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$365.66	\$368.94	\$361.97	41.6	41.5	40.9	\$ 8.79	\$ 8.89	\$ 8.85
Durable Goods	376.33	381.39	377.40	41.4	41.5	40.8	9.09	9.19	9.25
Nondurable Goods	342.27	341.14	329.99	42.1	41.4	41.3	8.13	8.24	7.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	473.47	470.42	440.90	43.2	43.0	40.9	10.96	10.94	10.78
Durable Goods	425.87	413.66	379.45	43.5	43.0	39.9	9.79	9.62	9.51
Nondurable Goods	535.43	544.81	518.64	42.8	43.0	42.2	12.51	12.67	12.29
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	274.18	268.94	273.82	40.8	40.2	41.3	6.72	6.69	6.63
Durable Goods	287.55	284.82	298.16	40.5	40.4	41.7	7.10	7.05	7.15
Nondurable Goods	259.12	251.60	248.67	41.0	40.0	40.9	6.32	6.29	6.08

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Following a decline of 1,000 between June and July, manufacturing industries bounced back and picked up almost 3,000 jobs between July and August. Almost all of the growth was concentrated in the durable goods sector, which gained 2,600 over the month.

The single largest increase in durable goods occurred in electric and electronic equipment, where 1,300 new jobs were added. The vitality of this industry is illustrated by the fact that this considerable overall growth occurred despite a large layoff by one major employer. Smaller growth was recorded in transportation equipment and in primary metal industries. Furniture and fixtures recorded modest growth, along with stone, clay and glass products and fabricated metal industries. The only declines were registered in lumber and wood products and in instruments and related products. Smaller increases and decreases occurred among nondurable goods industries in August. The number of manufacturing production workers rose by 4,700 between July and August, from 664,900 to 669,600 in mid-August.

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The average Texas manufacturing production worker worked 41.6 hours per week at \$9.13 per hour, averaging \$379.81 per week in August. Although the rate of pay was unchanged over the month, average hours worked increased by 0.2 hour, pushing the weekly wage up by \$1.83. Average hours worked were up 0.6 hour from a year earlier, while hourly earnings had risen by 21¢ from August 1983. Although the nondurable goods sector did average a 0.1 hour gain in hours worked, most of the total increase in pay was generated by durable goods industries.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA Second Quarter April-June 1984

Abilene	\$ 883,355
Amarillo	1,664,584
Austin	2,029,297
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	9,828,698
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	3,391,742
Bryan-College Station	586,469
Corpus Christi	4,606,965
Dallas-Fort Worth	18,258,292
El Paso	5,127,246
Galveston-Texas City	3,606,460
Houston	48,009,679
Killeen-Temple	597,381
Laredo	1,864,828
Longview-Marshall	2,257,016
Lubbock	1,739,347
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	5,484,093
Midland	746,235
Odessa	1,209,032
San Angelo	425,238
San Antonio	5,623,796
Sherman-Denison	664,375
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	619,153
Tyler	881,544
Victoria	655,945
Waco	1,101,081
Wichita Falls	761,532

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1983
Total Population	16,363,900	15,881,900
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	2.3
UI Covered Employers	303,076	292,926
Total Claims Actions	427,387	676,213
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,119	70,183
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	367,268	606,030
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$133.75	\$134.38
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$43,048,542	\$78,168,009
Total Placements	49,475	46,614

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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